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Iditorial

Lessons in hypocrisy: tirade about ecology using former trees for a platform. Well, you get on a soapbox and you spiel, but you know what it's made of, right? It's tough to be politically correct sometimes.

Issue three is finally here, rather later than we planned but never mind. The main problem has been technology (isn't it always!), Luddites and computers rarely mix. These problems are now solved and Do or Die should be more regular from now on. This issue is rather longer than previously, being the 'Bumper Hal-loween Issue'. It's a lot of paper but then there's a lot of action about at the moment, let's keep it that way.

The deadline for the next issue is Yule, so send us articles, graphics, poems, photos, flyposts- anything. We don't edit letters so please try and keep them as short as possible. DoD does not pretend to be 'the official voice of EF!'. There is NO official voice of EF! when there is, the movement will have finally stagnated. DoD is 'A voice of the Earth First! Tribe'. The point of this zine is to put forward the philosophy of EF! - that is 'Earth First!', 'No Compromise in Defence of Mother Earth'. If you don't like, do your own mag

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Ecology is once again a trendy thing to be into. The issue of the age becomes the latest age-old bandwagon. But to be perfectly honest, who gives a fuck! In some ways I say just pimp the hell out of it. Ram it down their throats, shove it in their faces, beat them around the head with it. Why not? Politically Correct Hip, Cool- sure. But when the problem is as grave (literally) as it is then I think the means justify the ends. The more the merrier! -The Do or Die Collective.

Land and Liberty

We the last people on Earth; the last of the free;
Have been sheltered till this day by our very remoteness;
But now the boundary of Britain has been exposed;
Beyond us lies no nation, only rock and waves and the Romans more
deadly still;
the pirates of this world, who have exhausted the land by plundering
and now they ransack the sea;
They create desolation and call it peace;
Let us then unconquered as we are, ready to fight for freedom,
Prove what warriors Caledonia has been holding in reserve.
- Calgacus AD 83.

A letter from Scotland.

For those who are aware of the real history of Scotland, the consequences of the actions taken by the colonial administrators on the Scots are self evident. Individuals took advantage of the shattering of customary law to accrue power and influence for themselves at the expense of their own communities collective ownership and security. Traditions stood in the way of profits, so traditions were disregarded. Culture stood in the way of market extension because culture usually involved community ties, solidarity and reciprocity. The wholesale eviction of the indigenous population was then carried out with a blind economic totality and is still a matter touching our innermost feelings. In this rough and ready article emphasis has been placed on the redefining of land as private property and then its transfer to an elite leading to the mass removal of whole communities for financial gain in a process which is alive today.

The phasing out of Scotland's culture was top priority as it offered a real challenge in the form of a viable, self-reliant and alternative way of life which wasn't massively wealthy, but did tend to protect the poor and regulate injustice. The elimination of the native systems, justified by perpetrators and apolo-

gists as improvements has been ignored by the education departments, whose task it is to condition a labour force of ignorant and eager consumers. Private property has been legitimised through the imposition of Anglo law via the Scottish office. The poll tax and more recently the water privatisation issue serve to reveal the imposed structure of colonialism clearly.

The Scottish office play a leading role in the undermining of real democracy in Scotland but they are not alone. The powerful corporate bureaucracy of Strathclyde regional council along with the rest of the regions have shown no resistance to the imposition of poll tax. Instead they took on board the unpopular tax in co-operation with the Tories and have used all the powers at their disposal to enforce it, showing that they have virtually transferred their allegiance to the colonial regime. Strathclyde region have already been



caught out buying water shares south of the border and meeting with prospective developers.

The people of Scotland are landless as a result of historic coercion into the capitalist labour force. Glasgow, historically a slave camp of the industrial era, doubling as a reservation for the dispossessed natives has been assimilated into the

British capitalist system. For this relatively new economic order to be adopted by people, firstly their communal systems of land tenure had to be broken up to substitute with private ownership. Assimilation is ongoing and capitalist ideals are enshrined within schools and institutions for that purpose. Accounts of real history are smothered as a calculated act of policy. Defunct economic theory replaces free thought and the mercenary ideology continues to usurp native intelligence and morality.

The cost of this deception is very high and only those who are prepared to dodge their social / cultural integrity find themselves wealthy enough to insulate themselves from the crisis they are helping to create, be they aware of it or not. While a self - destructive and sociopathic business elite remain in the cockpit of the planet, locked into a suicidal doctrine of economic growth at all costs, our future will remain in the balance. Degradation of people and the environment is the price that must be paid on this path.

Yesterday the Caledonian forests fell to the speculators from the south, today from Amazonia to the Siberian forests, the seemingly unstoppable encroachment of market forces continues to wreak environmental havoc. Beyond third world debt and economic destruction and the sharpening division between rich and poor, the market logic now threatens the fundamental biological diversity on which life itself depends.

We now live in a world where we are acted upon globally, where decisions affecting our lives are made at levels so far removed from ordinary democratic practices that no citizen has a hope of influencing them. The power of Transnational corporations (TNCs) and multinationals cannot be ignored.

- 70% of world trade is now controlled by just 500 corporations, which also control 80% of foreign investment.

- Shell oils 1990 gross income (\$132 billion) was more than the total GNP of Tanzania, Ethiopia, Nepal, Bangladesh, Zaire, Uganda, Nigeria, Kenya and Pakistan combined. 500 million people inhabit these countries - nearly a tenth of the worlds human population.

- Cargill, the Canadian grain giant, alone controls 60% of the world trade in cereals.

- Just 13 corporations supply 80% of all cars; five of them sell half of all vehicles manufactured each year.

- US corporations spend more than one billion dollars annually on advertising. The average US citizen views 21,000 TV commercials a year. Control of the collective consciousness plays a vitally important role for the success of business.

These corporations are the dominant force in our world. Disembodied from any one culture and any one environment, they owe no loyalty to any community, any government or

any people anywhere on Earth. These institutions, from the military to government departments and international agencies are driven by a desire to promote their own interests, to perpetuate themselves and increase their power and influence. Decisions are made not because they are of benefit to the community or on environmental grounds but because they serve the institutions particular vested interest.

Employees are similarly disembodied from the real world. When acting for the organisation, company loyalty takes priority over moral and cultural restraints that mediate the rest of their lives. The power wielded by these organisations is greater than that of many, if not all, governments and makes a mockery of certain countries claim to democracy.

On the far flung frontiers of the developing world, governments and multinationals are forcing resettlement schemes pushing indigenous peoples off traditional lands, often backed up by the military as part of their assimilation policy, which aims to civilise tribal peoples. This development process frequently begins with widespread brutality and extermination and ends with forest lands being systematically destroyed and plundered for their natural resources.

Its probably fair to say most people are finding it difficult to make sense of the increasingly complex situation we are in. Many don't give a damn and the present government - apart from a catalogue of major disasters - generally reflects the desires of an ever more materialist society. Most people are busy fighting for a fairer slice of the capitalist cake and don't have much objection to the system itself but only to the way the cake is sliced. The socialists are telling rights. A fragment of non - feudal land on which we have traditionally known and cherished liberty.



Lynx explains the facts of life to a capercaillie.

us just as loudly as their capitalist opponents that production must increase and we must all have the means to consume more. Both socialism and capitalism are concerned with exploiting this planet and so cannot be supported by anyone who wishes to preserve the various ecosystems which make up our home. Socialism is an understandable reaction to a brutally unfair distribution of wealth but it is not enough - we must help re-create a system based on needs not greed.

For Scotland to go forward into a genuinely enlightened future we must prepare the ground by illuminating the present in the light of the past, ending the cultural curfew. These sentiments are not racist but pro - culture, based upon the principle that we cant fully understand or appreciate other cultures if we dont understand or appreciate our own. Real possibilities for positive change will take place if we shrug off our colonial status, breaking the chains of a system that has fatally undermined our local institutions and cultural patterns, which previously prevented one set of private interests within our society from monopolising power and imposing its will on the community. We must shut the back door that has

been opened to personal gain at the expense of the communitys security, both social and environmental.

The challenge remains for local people to reclaim the political process and to reroot it back in the local community. For people to have inadequate information about their past and little means of acquiring it , is a tragedy. Its vital that we fill in the information gap with an account of real history from our own uniquely Scottish perspective as opposed to the imperial chauvinism which usually passes as such.

POLLOCK ESTATE

-Theres going to be an outrage and were starting it !

Behind the media curtain, one of Stathclyde Regions motorway is attempting to devour the largest greenbelt in Europe(within a city boundary). Feeling among the neighbouring communities, which already bears the brunt of social injustice, runs against the motorway. Pollock estate was gifted to the citizens of Glasgow and as the communal property of the people, it represents one of the last places in Scotland where ordinary folk have fully legitimate

Pollock International Environment and Cultural Camp

What scant rights we hold among the mostly depopulated landscapes are at the discretion of increasingly intolerant landowners. TennentsÆ rights go no deeper than the few chomped inches of grass that their livestock graze in a system that perpetuates the profitable concepts of close shaven vegetation and shroudlike monoculture forestry. Meanwhile the salmon, sacred Celtic symbol of knowledge, has been made a captive chemical junkie. The other resident wildlife are classified as noxious pests which threaten profits, to be ruthlessly culled. Official conservation bodies, in the pockets of the government and wealthy landowners, rhetorically take note of all expressed interests, but always manage to steer a course favouring the private interests of powerfull landowners and big business. Promise a few jobs and the taxpayer'sÆ cash flows, despite irreparable environmental and social damage.

Back here in Glasgow, over recent years the Pollock estate priority has been given to the tourist and car owner, while residents of the less well off neighbourhoods to the south and west of the Estate have been labelled as vandals to justify their denied access. Security guards with dogs patrol where padlocked gates and spiked metal fences have been erected by private interests with wholehearted approval and the support of the council, effectively alienating locals and giving them fugitive status where they once held a priveleged position.

Crouched within the largest population centre of Scotland, the Pollock Estate has been chosen as the ideal location to illustrate and highlight the ongoing complicity between covetous private interests, corrupt councils and the colonial Scottish office which serves to dispossess, deny and exclude local people from public lands.

In Pollock we wish to go ahead with a camp which will hopefully serve to focus our actions against the destruction of the green belt and the estate. We also hope to teach people respect for our environmental and cultural heritage. We will try to deal with the social issues directly affecting local communities promoting responsibility and initiative.

I have drawn up a course outline which will remain flexible, relying on volunteers to come forward and help create a makeshift working group. The results will be entirely down to the resourcefulness and creativity of activists. Everyone is welcome to contribute their views and experience on the subject. The buck stops here and we start, so spread the word. We wont be waiting for an official endorsement, weÆre going right ahead, taking the bull by the horns. I hope not to be alone on this, IÆve tried to make a bit of sense, but I need to link up with good people who can fill in the gaps and help create a fuller picture at grassroots level.

More info etc from Caledonian Green Circle - see contact list.

Stop Press

News comes in of a very large T-Crane arsoned at the Pollock estate.

News from Somerset

Protected by three separate layers of legislation, along with a host of cast iron conditions, carefully inserted into an important agreement created by the farsighted Maxwell family. This was the first conservation agreement ever entered into by the national trust for Scotland. The trust founder and owner of the estate, Sir John Stirling Maxwell, wished to secure the amenity of the woodland FOR EVER... -for the benefit of the citizens of Glasgow (conservation agreement 1939). The Maxwells couldn't foresee that the official guardians (THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND) would prove incapable of doing their job. Spinelessly they wavered the conditions allowing Strathclyde regional council to buy off a vast area of the estate on which to build a motorway extension and private houses.

This unique city area is home to a great diversity of life, including a small number of roe deer. Vast sections of pasture, wild flower meadows and arable farmland, along with rich corridors of mature woodland habitat all this is at stake.

Labour hold an overall majority on the council. They have opted for a form of pretend democracy dodging accountability, reducing the public consultation process to a farcical PR exercise. There is no political saviour-we must look to ourselves to find the determination, taking on the responsibility to ensure that the right things happen. Last years Pollock bee sits, crane sits etc., raised a alarm effectively, ending the official hush up. It is vital now that we follow up with an even more radical wave of direct action. Everyone is invited to come and join us. Bring camping gear, banners, musical instruments and truth in our hearts. We are going to get behind the barricades and stop those machines!

- Colin MacLeod
Caledonian Green Circle

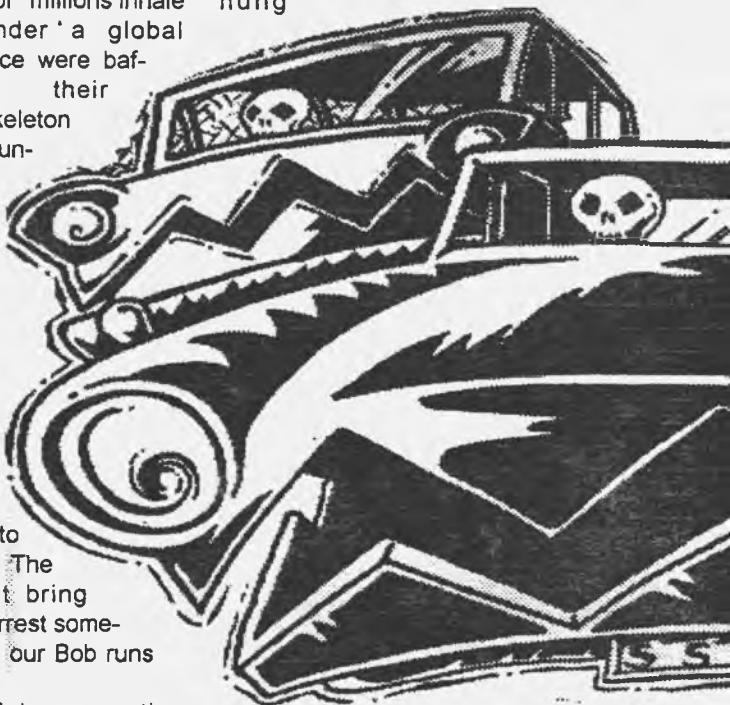
The Rover 620's posh unveiling ceremony at Vincents showroom in Yeovil was going terribly well, that was until of course Boiler Suit Bob of South Somerset EF! sabotaged the event. Walking into the showroom through a crowd of suited modern day romans, armed with his 'I'm a rich executive disguise', and his strangely acquired invitation card, he went straight over to the new £19,000 planet killing monster and pretended that he wanted to check the comfy leather seats inside. He gently sat down and then immediately handcuffed himself to the steering wheel, shouting slogans along the lines of 'millions inhale poison in under a global Autoreich'. Police were baffled when their superdopper skeleton keys failed to unlock his cuffs- it was quite a while before they realised that they were dealing with a toy set bought for £7.95 at the nearby j o k e s h o p . Eventually the local magician was called in to unlock our Bob. The police couldn't bring themselves to arrest someone in a suit so our Bob runs free.

At the February action against the huge ARC quarry (which is busy turning the Mendip Hill's to mendip holes and transporting the by product as road stone to Twyford) there were 30 arrests, 29 kept over night. ARC dropped all the cases against the demons traitors and so the EF!ers took to suing the police for 'wrongful arrest'. As a further insult Twyford rapists Tarmac plc have

bought up many of ARC subsidiaries. On the 12th of July 45 activists returned and stopped all the exploding all day! More actions are planned so get in contact.

The Department of Tarmac are planning an alteration to the A30 in Yeovil to destroy the bank of the River Yeo so that the road will join a new Sainsburys, (built on a greenfield site). S. Somerset EF!ers are working with the local community to lay foundations for a campaign which will get more radical as time goes on!

On the 20th of June a dozen people invaded Great Mills DIY in Yeovil. Banners were hung



from the roof and red smoke bombs were let off in the store. The fire brigade were called and customers were evacuated from the store for 20 minutes. Great Mills have since hired two full time security guards to protect their store. This is the fourth action at this store and they will continue.....

-Wisteria the Changling.

Hillforts and Revenge.

EF!ers from the South Downs have been more or less scattered around the globe the last couple of months. One activist has been to Ireland to link up with groups there, more details in the next issue. Another has been witnessing climate change and the effect of mega-buck irrigation schemes, as vast areas of Asia continue to suffer from flooding.

Meanwhile back in the bio-region EF!ers are getting their shit together over the A27 Folkestone to Honiton Trunk road (aka the South Coast Motorway). The

DoT has concealed the road by pretending

route runs through a highly residential area, so local opinion is screaming for a bypass. The only place available is the Downs. There are currently two routes being looked at which involve tunnelling under Cissbury Ring - an ancient Hill fort and SSSI, tunneling under Salvington Hill and Lancing Ring, and generally ruining the already weakened downland ecosystem. The Public enquiry starts on September 28th. Cissbury want lots of people, accommodation available so contact them on 0903 238603.

Further east another couple of miles, South Downs EF! (Brighton) are making plans to defend Mount Caburn.

Recognise the name?

Yes, an abandoned naturally regenerating quarry in the side of Mt.. Caburn was infact the venue for the first EF! gathering in this country back in April 92. Little did we know then that the DoT were planning its demise, with the Lewes bypass. Well, Twyford

was

difficult
to fortify,

but the highest hillfort in the south and the only mountain in the area should be a quite a sinch. We are talking VERY large ramparts!

-Eldrum

it is over four dozen bypasses. If your campaigning against one of these bypasses/widening/relief roads, link up with the other groups c/o Arun EF! in Littlehampton

Further east a couple of miles, Cissbury Ring EF! in Worthing is campaigning against the A27 which threatens to wreck havok over the area. In the spirit of divide and rule the 'preferred'

FASLANE PEACE CAMP

EF! needs to build stronger links with the peace movement. There are the obvious reasons: the possibility of global annihilation through nuclear weapons, the increasing dangers posed by nuclear waste and irradiated areas, the folly of escalating our -deterrent capability - through the incredibly expensive Trident programme, and last but not least, the military's instrumental role in propping up the insane, corrupt and rapacious New World Order. But consider the following, relatively little known facts as well: - the US military is the largest producer of greenhouse gases in the United States - . (Planet News, Summer 1993.) - 10% global iron and steel production goes to military ... Military demand for aluminium, copper, nickel, platinum more than demand for whole of Third World. -(Guardian Earth Summit supplement, June 1992.)

The time has come to demonstrate our disgust at this absurd state of affairs. Faslane Peace Camp are mounting a blockades at RNAD Coulport on to mark the first Trident sub taking up position there. Phone them for further details on: 0436 - 82090

The MARSH MELLOW plant gave the sweet its name. Once marsh mallows were produced from the roots of Althaea officinalis, which contains its own starch, sugar and gelatinous matter. They were gathered by fishing communities in the dykes and saltmarshes of the east coast.

-Food for free.



DAMN THAT BARRAGE!

The British government is about to make environmental history. If everything goes to according to plan, very soon the Cardiff Bay Barrage Bill will receive Royal Assent. When this happens, it will be the first time a government sponsored bill has aimed to destroy an ENTIRE SSSI. Oh yes, we all know that they've dug them up, bulldozed through them and polluted them to hell and back, but this time the Welsh office is determined to permanently flood the Taff/Ely Estuary in Cardiff-covering the mudflats and destroying homes and feeding grounds for thousands of birds.-Why are they doing this? I hear you cry. -Surely there must be some reason. Surely this must be because they want to generate lots of tidal power, save the city from drowning or something? But there are no such reasons. If you were to ask the Governor General (sorry, I mean Secretary of State) for Wales he would explain in the following terms:

Southern Cardiff is a shit-hole that needs regeneration. (This is true)

If lots of nice businessmen invested in the area it would be regenerated (.....hmmm)

Because somebody stuck a muddy estuary in the way, nobody will invest because it is so ugly. (This is bollocks)

If we stop the water leaving the

estuary (by building a big wall across the mouth of the bay) then people will think it's really a lake so all the businessman in the world will rush to Cardiff with their wallets bulging. (what?!?!)

HOWEVER there are one or two teensy problems...

Cardiff Bay is designated as a SSSI because of the numbers of Shelduck, Dunlin, Redshank & Knot that wade and feed on the mudflats. It was also proposed in 1990 by the Nature Conservancy Council (as they were) that the whole Severn Estuary (of which Cardiff Bay is a part) be designated as a Special Protection Area(SPA)for birds under EC law. In 1991 the government decided to remove Cardiff Bay from consideration as part of the SPA because destroying part of a candidate SPA would be illegal. This must be the most blatant piece of ecological gerrymandering ever seen. the European Commission are investigating the legality of this.

When you play around with nature she gets her revenge. Some of the problems predicted (by the developers own consultants, the Environmental Advisory Unit of Liverpool University) are as follows:

The water quality in the lake will be poor,(the Taff and the Ely which flow into Cardiff Bay are two of the most polluted rivers in wales). So 'Water sport activities should be restricted to those involving only accidental contact'. The water quality will lead to growth of algae (some of it poisonous blue-green algae). 'Dogs entering the water become covered in the algal scum and may ingest lethal quantities of algal toxins when licking algae off their fur.'

The consultants go onto say:

'We consider that midge swarms may pose a problem in summer around the lake.' They cannot suggest a satisfactory method of dealing with this problem.

It has been recognised that water quality may be so bad that oxygen should be bubbled through it. However '(Trials have) not demonstrated unequivocally that oxygen would be effectively dissolved, dispersed and retained in the water body.'

Also, 'Weil's disease results from infection by leptospire bacteria and has been recognised by the promoters as a particular problem associated with the impounded waters of Cardiff Bay.'

Basically than, the Cardiff Bay Barrage is a massive £56 million phallic extension for the

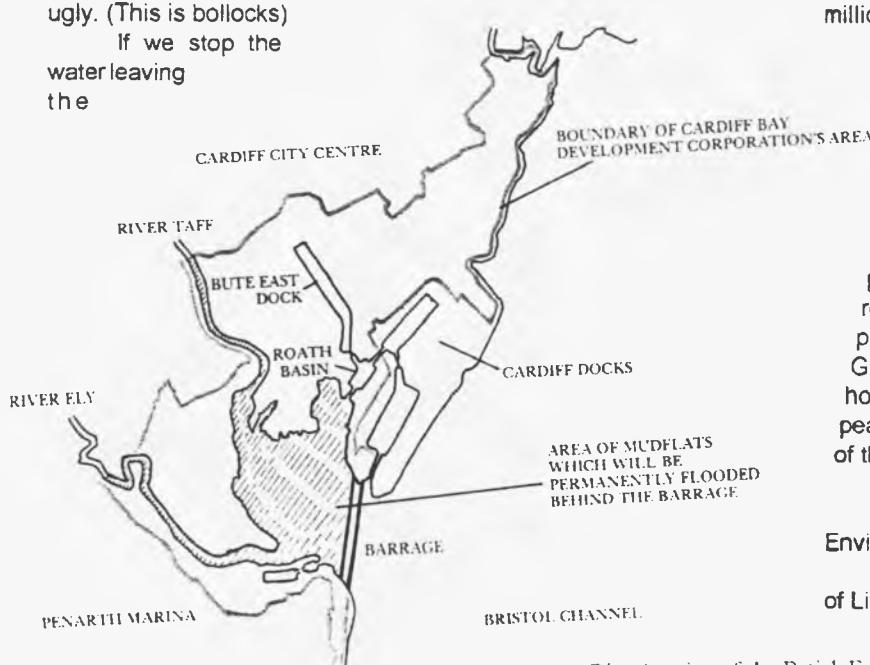
Secretary of State for Wales which will destroy an SSSI, break European Law and create the sort of wrecked environment you wouldn't even wish on John Selwyn Gummer

We really need help planning and organising direct action. In the meantime please contact Julian at Mid Glamorgan EF! for info about how to complain at the European Commission about a breach of the EC Wild Birds Directive.

-The Shelducks

Refs: -Cardiff Bay Barrage-Environmental Statement.

Environmental Advisory Unit of Liverpool University



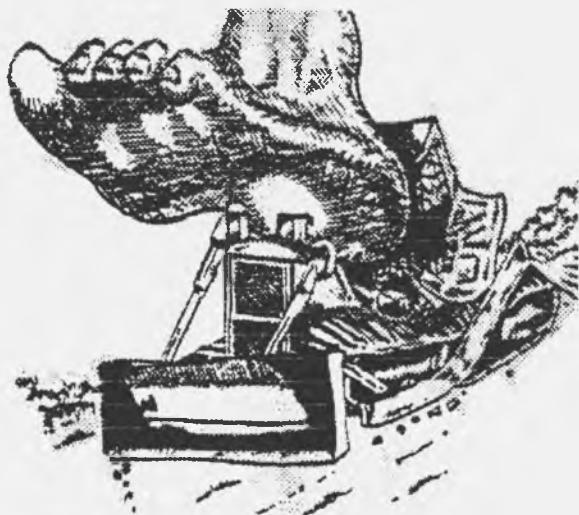


The Wymondham Bypass is a section of the upgrading of the A11 into a dual carriageway all the way from Norwich to London. It passes through 8km of open countryside and will mean the end of countless mature stands and the destruction of a local conservation area. The road is being justified on the grounds that it will speed up traffic and reduce congestion in Wymondham. In reality Wymondham has already been bypassed twice.

The normal lobbying tactics have been played and with the DoT wishing to start construction in October the locals have taken to Direct Action. On the 31st of August ('twas twilight') they entered and occupied a large house in the path of the motorway. Since then The Willows, Silfield Rd, Wymondham has been under

continuous occupation- they affectionately call it 'Fort Willows'. The locals were taken to court on the 17th of September by the DoT, and fully expected the government's possession order to be put into force. However, much to their surprise the Judge ruled the order ineffective over a technical detail. So the willows is safe for at least a month. Not so subtle surveillance of the building has already

started with large black and yellow striped range rovers parking opposite. The activists will be starting a camp soon to complement the house occupation for those of



us who can't stand walls around us. People especially 'bulldozer junkies' are urgently needed so in the words of 'The Lizard' (their newsletter), 'How about coming to stay for an hour, a day, a weekend or longer in a country residence much to the disdain of the DoT...' --CONTINUED NEXT PAGE--

SCUM ANALYSIS

The most likely contractor for the contract is: May Gurney (head office) 0603 627281: Head office, Trowse, Norwich, Norfolk.

The most likely partners in crime are: Atlas Aggregates Ltd, 0603 761234: 5 Guardian Road, Norwich, Norfolk. Atlas Aggregates have recently illegally removed 123,000 tonnes of gravel from a protected wildlife habitat in Costessy. Why not post these lovely people a paving stone (without a stamp of course).

OIL DRILLING

OFF THE WELSH COASTLINE

For action updates ring 0603 789969, 0603 631007, or direct to the frontline mobile 0850 620669

Action continues to intensify at the M11 as more people move into the Leytonstone area in London. A place the DoT intend to destroy, with the construction of the M11. The road will destroy many areas where the Epping forest is reaching out into London. 350 houses are at risk and the Hackney marshes could be seriously impaired. Resistance however is strong, with lots of houses squatted and under the control of the campaign group. £6 million worth of housing has been fixed up by the protesters after DoT attempts to gut them out.

There is a great community feeling and there are plans afoot to make the whole area a car free zone, with a community centre, alternative energy production etc. The houses and trees are having to be defended daily against the construction company who would rip them down. The campaign is aiming for an action every Monday. People are desperately needed so that the community can take back yet more houses from the DoT. So if you fancy a large Georgian house with a beautiful garden, excellent neighbours and lots of fun with security guards, Leytonstone is the place for you. As with Norwich bulldozer junkies are needed but the campaign needs all kinds of people, carpenters, roofers, office heads, plumbers, everybody and that means you. In the past there have been tree-sits, blockades of main roads involving over 200 people and office occupations. The destruction firms are getting worn out as this quote from the Guardian on the 24th of September shows,

"I'm just pissed off with it," said Tony Dent, aged 28. "Seeing security guards trying to pull girls out of trees up there. I've had enough. When I accepted the contract I didn't realise the extent of it".

So whatever your thing is get on down.

Now one would of thought that after the recent spate of oil spills that any new exploration of oil in this country would of been put on the shelf, at least for a couple of years. Nope. The Department of Trade and Industry has given a licence to Hamilton Oil to start testing etc off the Pembrokeshire coast..

What is at stake is one of the most beautiful and unspoilt areas of Welsh coastline which include the islands of Ramsey, Grassholm, Skokholm and Skomer (a Marine nature reserve). The DTI has also stated that their environmental advisers (what advisers) advice about the potential effects of oil drilling in the Celtic Sea should remain confidential. But since the disaster in the Shetlands, we all

know what likely effects can emerge, so what the hell is the purpose of clamping up? Why don't they just admit that the government only has mega-bucks on its mind.

A local group COD (Cardigan against Oil Development) has been set up and it is hoped that the community will give Hamilton oil a tough battle. Taking for example what has happened in Skye, the government are unlikely to give up on this one, especially as their oil reserves in the North sea are dwindling. Action, both in Cardigan and at regional level all over Britain will be needed if a victory is to be achieved.

Cardigan against Oil Development (C O D), c/o Babilon, SA41 3TV

BA BA BLACK
SHEEP, HAVE YOU
ANY WOOL?
YES SIR YES SIR.
THREE PINTS
FULL...

SHETLANDS
OIL SPILL

Carmaggedon

The Climate Alliance International day of Traffic action on May 15th this year was the biggest ever with actions taking place in Birmingham, Bury St. Edmunds, Edinburgh, Leeds, London, Newcastle, Norwich, Oxford, Brighton, Winchester and Worthing. Actions (don't you get bored with this word, alternatives on the back of a postcard to DoD-ed), ranged from scores of cyclists blocking the road to a straightforward anti-car march in London. Some people in Cardiff simply vented there anger by pouring a gallon of petrol over a sports car and setting light the



damn thing by petrol was it born and by petrol will it die!. Demos took place in over 50 countries including Bangladesh, Sweden, Sierra Leone, Trinidad, Uganda... Further details from Reclaim the Streets

-Little blonde boy.

SKYE CAMPAIGN SOAKED IN SEA OF ANGER.

On the west coast of Scotland an experiment in privatised road building is underway. A private consortium of destruction companies Miller (based in Scotland), Dywidag (based in Germany) and the Bank of AmeriKKKa are clearcutting woodland, dynamiting shorelines and decimating one of the largest Otter population in Europe. What they are replacing the otters with is a tollbridge from the mainland to the Isle of Skye, a completely useless enterprise even if you do believe in

It was cold. I was wet, my wellies were too big and.... I was ready to sneer at a bunch of dreadlocked professional environmentalists from England

economics. The bridge will bisect Eilean Ban, where the author of 'Ring of Bright Water', Gavin Maxwell lived and worked.

' In writing this book about my home I have not given to the house its true name. This is from no desire to create mystery-indeed it will be easy enough for the curious to discover where I live-but because identification in print would seem in some sense a sacrifice, a betrayal of its remoteness and isolation, as if by doing so I were to bring nearer its enemies of industry and urban life '-from the 1959 foreword by Gavin Maxwell to his book 'Ring of Bright Water'.

It was 6.45. am last Wednesday morning, and, faithful as ever to the call of a faxed press release, I was in Eilean a cheo to observe Skye Earth Action, whoever they were, do something newsworthy on and around the site of the under - construction Skye bridge. It was cold. I was wet, my wellies were too big and.... I

was ready to sneer at a bunch of dreadlocked professional environmentalists from England, jumping on the Skye bridge bandwagon for a bit of dubious worker - baiting. My official high visibility jacket was visibly leaking. My notebook had turned to paper mache. And not a single would - be protester had materialised.

Then Colin and his two pals stepped out of an old ford fiesta. Veterans of Scotland for Demagogery, they saw parallel between Pollock Estate in Glasgow and its imminent three- lane status, Twyford Down and the Skye bridge: environmental vandalism without consultation. Colin had dreadlocks. And a Harris Tweed sports jacket.

Out of the gloom came reporters, camera crews, photographers, a dog on a string. A white van drew up topped with two rubber dinghies. Out piled more dreadlocked youngsters with rings through their noses, tie-dyed skirts, expensive trainers and expensive accents. They looked like designer new age travellers. Hardly anyone looked older than 18. The boats, patched and pumped up every five minutes were launched to the sound of native ululating and a tin whistle. Somebody danced, smiling. A large chap, looking like an extra from the Three Musketeers, began to juggle large skittles. The dog watched. Anonymous press-briefings were given: The otters on Eilean Ban are being wiped out, probably have been already; work began on the bridge before the public enquiry had reported; not enough local consultation; the bridge contravenes three international conventions, and so on. So what action was planned? We would see.

The trouble began. The two inflatables landed their amphibious eco-troops on Eilean Ban and on a barge next to one of the bridge's concrete foundations. Through binoculars, I could see workmen trying to restrain the demonstrators. They failed, and soon three figures were fluttering banners from a tower crane. It still wasn't 8 a.m . On the island, a solitary tracked excavator appeared to have gone mad. Its driver began spinning the excavating arm at high speed, as well as advancing on the demonstrators menacingly and attempting to pour water over them. -It's like a wild animal', someone said. It looked like assault with a deadly digger.

Then Colin attempted a one - man protest towards another construction raft. A water cannon was turned on him, and the cable loosened so he fell into the water. His dreadlocks straightening after he had crawled out, he simply smiled, -it'll take more than a wee drop of cold water to stop a bit of democracy! it's the battle of the Braes all over again. The inflatables whizzed about, as three Miller-Dywidag vessels, including a tug and a large crane barge appeared to make every effort to intercept, block and collide with the little dinghies. A former life-boat, the Blue Angel, had been hired by television crews and it too became subject to the clearly dangerous attentions of the contractors boats, who seemed to have been given crash training from Japanese whalers, British chemical waste dumpers and French nuclear test supervisors.

One of the dinghies landed nearby. Would anyone like to go out and see what was happening from close quarters? Myself and Davie Murray from the P&J said our prayers and headed for the action.

Journalistic objectivity is a

onderful thing. However, it is easily damaged, especially by people trying to ram your boat, sink you, throw rocks at you, then threatening you first with a crow-bar and then a grappling hook, not to mention attacking you with a tracked excavator. We shouted that we were press. They laughed. The harassed police sergeant on Eilean Ban was doing his best to retain good humour and control but it seemed the workers on the contract - supposedly under the impression that their jobs were being threatened by the protesters - were very far from being under police supervision. We were on our way back to the shore when our driver, George, saw a barge laden with rocks about to unload its cargo. 'you're in at the deep end now', he shouted gleefully,

and headed directly for the huge, black, stone-laden tub. Oh dear!

We escaped without being sucked into the barges propellers and chopped into otter feed, but only just. Back on soggy land, I watched the rest of the confrontation become increasingly nasty and ill-tempered from the Miller-Dywidag and police side, I saw no sign of violence from the protesters.

There were arrests. The police refused to tell anyone where the detained protesters were being held, or even if they had been charged. An inspector threatened to arrest a young girl for breach of the peace -unless she behaved. She was trying to discover what had happened to her friends. It was not northern constabularies finest hour.

Skye ferry workers solidarity

The IWW (Industrial Workers of the World) have pushed a solidarity campaign in support of ferry workers at Skye who will lose their jobs due to the Bridge Project. The Ferries are owned by the Scottish Office who, in order to entice bidders, have said they will shut down the ferry service the day the bridge opens. As it is the Bank of America who is funding the project, it is America where

campaigning has begun. So far, many labour groups in the US have written letters of protest, as well as warnings that unless the BoA pulls out, there will be pickets and occupations of BoA premises. Promises of solidarity and action have so far come from IWW Marines Workers and the Workers Solidarity Alliance, both from within the US.

My stomach improved, after bacon and egg rolls at a Kyleakin cafe. My objectivity did not. Suddenly I felt angry. Perhaps they were just a bunch of adrenaline-junkie kids having a summer holiday of eco-protest. Perhaps they looked a bit weird, dressed funny, juggled. Perhaps they were out of order, but did they deserve water cannon, the risk of serious injury or death at the hands of huge earth moving machines and boats? Some were nearly killed for God's sake. I can only say that once the bridge is built, if there is a usable alternative, I will take it. Now that's good PR.

-Article taken from 'The Scotsman'



GOLDEN HILL SHINES AGAIN

The battle against Tesco's continues at Bristol's Golden Hill. Local opposition has mobilised thousands of people in the city to oppose the building of a store on a cherished area of greenspace and delayed construction for four months. The store was opened a day earlier than advertised to try and catch opposition on 24th May, with staff from Wiltshire and leaflets drawn from Birmingham and 200 (yes 200!) Group 4 security guards to look after the monster from enraged local shoppers. This did not prevent locals from picketing the store, carrying out trolley runs and other such antics. Numbers were further swelled by the arrival fresh from Twyford and Timbnet of over 40 mad eco-rads, who at one stage attempted to bury the store under manure and soil.

Eight arrests 2 people being held for 23 hours for obstructing a road 20 seconds! The police had decided to break resistance with arrests and hold individuals until the action was over but this did little to stem the protest of ordinary Bristol people.

Tesco's launched a propaganda offensive which costed £10 000s including two page colour ads, for the store in the local paper and numerous glossy green leaflets. Tesco's were supported by the Evening Post who claimed

the demonstrators had fought with police and anarchists had organised the protest. The foul local freebie claimed that protesters had grubbed up trees to use to batter property and police!

Despite all the lies and arrests the actions over two days worked well. One friend who took part in a trolley run said it was the only time that he had seen a supermarket without queues. The car park, even when swelled by security, staff and press remained empty. The vast majority of people in North Bristol are boycotting the store. An arresting officer claimed that Tesco's were prepared to run the store at a loss for two years to prove their point - protesters have actively fought them for ten years and cost them £100 000s in increased costs (security, policing and propaganda) - they will certainly continue until the store has closed, been demolished and the land restored.

The fight against Tesco's far from being purely local, has impli-

cations outside its region.

In Britain supermarkets compete. Where Sainsbury has a store, Tesco, Asda, Waitrose, etc., follow. Tesco is spearheading the construction of new superstores with hundreds planned over the country.

From the Hills Gablonga! to Earth Warriors

ACTION

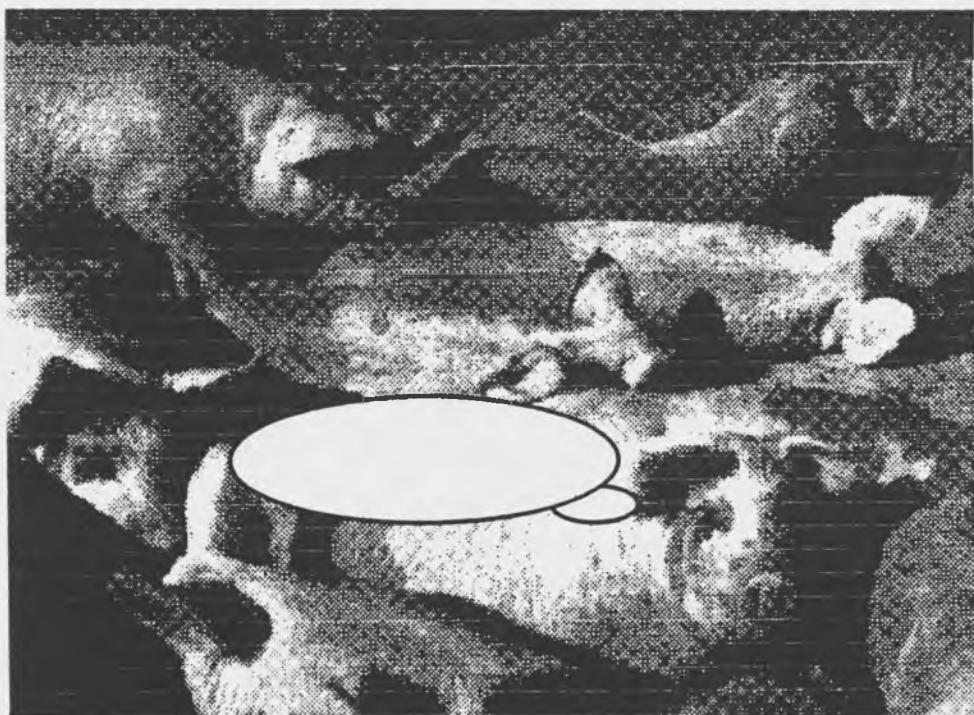
* Blockade your local Tesco's

* Look out for billboards!

* Grow some of your own food. Eat organic and buy locally in bulk:

* Let Tesco's know that you are on to them and out to restore Golden Hill.

-For more info read "Store Wars", DoD 1 and Contact: NSSA, 210 Kelloway Ave, Golden Hill, Bristol.





Newcastle Tree-Sits

The Cradwell bypass is an insane piece of inner-city road planning perpetrated by the utterly corrupt (details available ON request) Newcastle City Council. Only a mile in length, but managing to cram in a raised stretch of road on thirty foot stilts and a cut-and-cover tunnel, the proposed route will enable motorists to hurtle towards the next set of traffic lights an amazing 30 seconds faster, if its eventually finished circa 1995.

The road will bisect Jesmond Dene, an area of approx. 180 trees, many of which are mature or semi-mature.

The preliminary works began on 16th of June and a protest camp was set up almost straight away. The main thrust of

the protest at the moment is a defensive tree-sitting strategy, with occasional bouts of digger dancing as and when numbers permit. Local press coverage has been good, and an action where one protester was driven off down the road in a bucket of a digger made nine national newspapers. Work stoppage is running at £5,000 a week.

There will be a national day of action on October the 18th so come to sunny Newcastle and jump on a digger. We need people all the time so why not stay a while later and laze about in a hammock with rope service on a rope and experience Stotties!

-Pulch, Cradlewell Alert 091-2616151

Nuke News.

AVON GORGE

This deep, narrow gorge has long been famous for its unique biology. Steep limestone cliffs harbour woods which contain species found nowhere else in the world such as the Bristol Whitebeam. There are many exceptionally rare species, including Bristol rock-cress and some rare sedges. These plants have evolved in the isolation of the gorge, relatively secure from the changes around. Mans influence has been present but was limited to an iron age hillfort, a now abandoned railway track and a small amount of coppicing. In June the bus firm Bagerline announced plans to use the abandoned railway as a bus lane. More tarmac and concrete. If you live in the Bristol area please get in contact with BEAN (See contact list).

July 3rd, 700 Sellafield workers smashed directors cars and went on the rampage after being sacked by BNFL and given an hour to collect their belongings.

20th August, Academics at Oxford university were instructed to turn solid radioactive waste into liquid and pour it down the drain to ease storage problems.

July 21 Nuclear electric announced the closure of Trawsfynydd.



"Seven million of us have given up dinner for a year to try and help the West get richer"

Partners in crime

John Major loses his voice in Partners in crime horror

Partnerships for change was a government sponsored conference in Manchester from the 20th-22nd of September, as a follow up to the 'earth (rapists) summit', last year. It was yet another attempt to portray the crisis as something that can be fixed with high levels of technology, economic growth and increasingly centralised power structures. Not surprisingly grassroots groups were not invited.

As well as a vibrant alternative fringe of meetings debates and demo's, the conference was well and truly sabbed. A womens only group forced John Gummer of his ceremonial tram ride while two activists infiltrated the conference and caused a good deal of havoc. Things continued to spice up. NatWest's International Banking office was closed down and occupied for 24 hours, imagine the amount of money that cost Natwest. Finally the organic cherry on the carob gateau came when it was time for Majors recorded video message to be played to the conference (the poor host was abroad on a trade mission!). The video had disappeared! A red-faced government PR officer later admitted to the Financial Times that it had been stolen, 'and that we suspect Earth First! has something to do with it'. nod, nod, wink, wink ,say no more!

McLibel

The McLibel Support Campaign are calling for a week of protest before the libel trial of the two London Greenpeace supporters being sued by McDonalds Hamburger corp. Dave Morris & Helen Steel have been refused legal aid while McDonalds have the best Solicitors and Barristers and thousands to spend. The McLibel Trial is expected this October. Contact London Greenpeace.

Target Tarmac

On the 23rd of August Tarmac plc had a bit of trouble. About forty people decided that with due reflection they didn't hold Tarmac very dear to their hearts. So its 7.30 am in Wolverhampton and they can be seen obstructing the entrances, hanging out of windows and generally having a whale of a time, at one of tarmacs head offices. The police arrived to add to the grope 4 already in evidence and preceded to search the building. Meanwhile our heroes had locked themselves into an office and were making use of the office coffee machines hospitality. Eventually the boys in blue got the door open and promptly arrested the activists for BURGLARY. They were held for 14 hours before being realised. Later protesters occupied another Tarmac office. Protesters wandered around looking through files, draws, cupboards and the such-like. Four people were arrested after locking themselves inside an other office. The police kicking the door down like something straight out of 'The Bill'. A third office at a Tarmac depot (where lots of machinery is stored!), was occupied towards the end of the day. Tarmac had brought in grope 4 a number of weeks earlier to advise on security. Combination locks were then fitted on all doors, so how did those dodgy tribalists get in. According to Construction News Sept. 16th, a red-faced-with embarrassment not face paint-Tarmac spokesman explained " Apparently they rang the doorbell and someone let them in".

More info on tarmac can be obtained from Twyford/Road Alert.



From the Hills and the Valleys

Gablonga to Earth Warriors everywhere.

The Mountains & Forests of North Wales are under attack by our old friends ARC, Tarmac, Laing and McAlpine. I stood in the stone circle and heard the familiar Beep Beep Beep- where a quarter of a mile away ARC's Quarry Lorries were mashing up a mountain which used to be the largest Druidical site on this island. Smashing its way east-west along the north coast of Wales, the A55 expressway "Improvement" continue to "improve" meadows, woodlands, mountainsides & Nature Reserves. Link roads branch off everywhere, literally hundreds of machines litter either side of the road. Brooding darkly in the mountains just to the south, huge quarries supply the stone needed for the rape being carried out below. What a surprise-the firms quarrying are the same as those building the roads. The Welsh Office intends to build bypasses on the A5 (which runs from the South of England to Holyhead). The A5 has been upgraded to dual carriageways up to the Welsh border. The same old story-first the bypasses, then the link roads, then oh gosh we have a motorway smashing through the Snowdonian National Park, Landscape Conservation Areas, Woodlands....NOWAY!

The bypass through the woods and stones at Bethesda (7 miles south of Bangor) is being heavily opposed by locals. N. Wales is sparsely populated so when the time comes Bethesda is going to need people from all over Wales and the rest of Britain. There will be actions against the quarries starting in early autumn, further details from your local Earth First! group. Meanwhile hassle the hell out of the Welsh (Colonial) Office and come and visit the camp at Bethesda, prepare, get to know a bit of our culture and learn a bit of Welsh.

Iechyd dai

-Holly from the Dongas.

Bethesda camp, c/o Annie, 11 Maes Refail, Henryd, Conwy, North Wales.

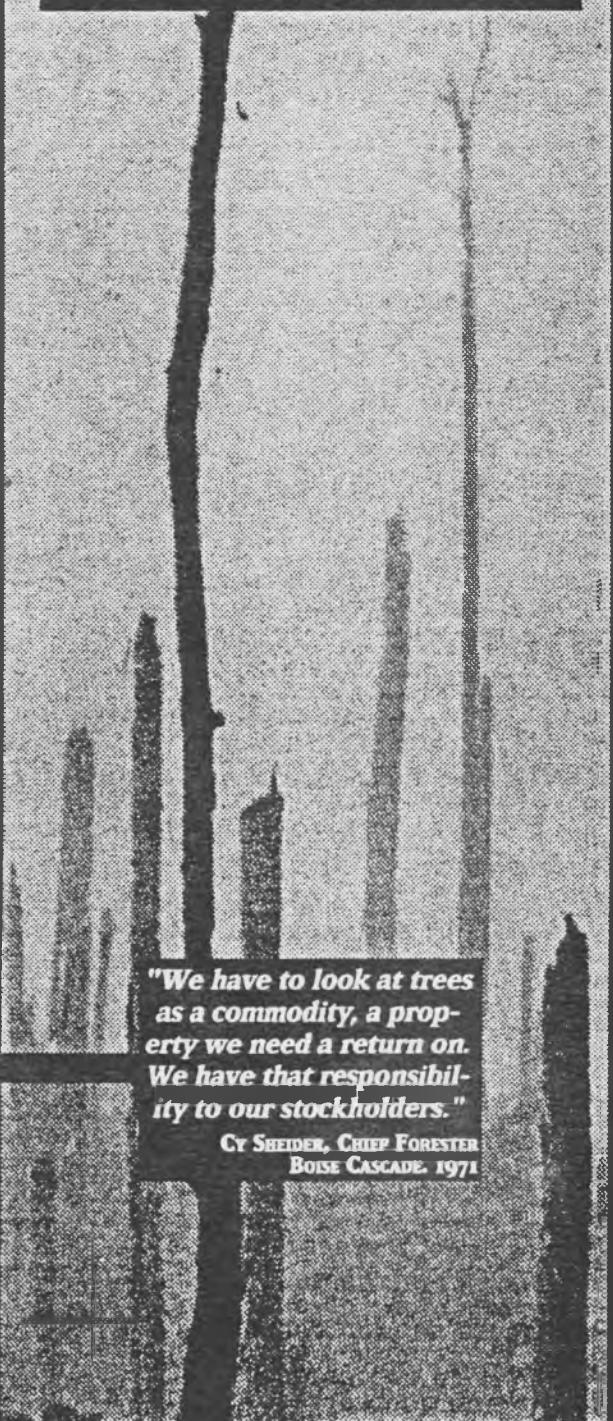
PRIMITIVE



"We did not weave the web of life. We are merely a strand in it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves"

CHIEF SEATTLE 1854

ADVANCED



"We have to look at trees as a commodity, a property we need a return on. We have that responsibility to our stockholders."

CY SHEIDER, CHIEF FORESTER
BOISE CASCADE, 1971

IS THIS PROGRESS?

Car chases, Sabotage and Arthur Dent Twyford Diary-Part Two.



Twyford Down has become a symbol of resistance, a training ground, a life changer and a kick up the arse to the British green movement! Below is a brief chronology of events at Twyford since 22 March. The reports of actions dating from mid-February to March 22nd can be found in 'The Twyford Diary Part One'-Do or Die Issue 2. To avoid security fuck ups mentions of monkeywrenching will be limited to quotes from DoT affidavits. Action at Twyford may seem hectic but what I cannot put to text was one of the greatest things to come out of Twyford. That is the camp, the community.

The last diary finished off on March 20th with the Arch Druid of Wessex cursing companies at Twyford. This is a transcript of the conversion he had with Mr. Chapman the Mott MacDonald officer. It is taken from DoT evidence in the Twyford 76 High Court case

'Druid- I will give you my title. This is an official message from the Arch Druid of Wessex, also a Bard of St. Catherine. This site has been declared officially a sacred site... We would like to inform you.... that we have issued a curse against your company. This curse is not a curse against your workers, none of your workers need fear anything personal against them. It is not a death curse but your company will find it will lose money, your workers will lose their jobs, your equipment up here will start breaking down and you will find this enterprise up here is a white elephant and this thing will not finish until you leave the landscape alone.'

Mr. Chapman- wait a minute, we understand-i just want to make it clear whose authority has put this.

Druid- This authority is from the Order of St.Catherine who are responsible for the site up there. St Catherines Hill and the environment around.

Mr. Chapman- Responsible for-and who declared this on the site as well then?

Druid- This is declared by the Council of British Druid Orders which contains all the Druid Orders of the country including Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Manx, Brittany and suchlike.... I promise, you will find every one of you will be out of a job.'

Over the next few months these words were in many ways to become true, as protest activity increased and equipment started 'breaking down'.

22nd March

17 protesters hightailed it around the site causing much havoc, no work is done due to the combined effect of protester intervention and Mother Earth pouring fourth buckets.

23rd March

Ten people as above.

24th March

According to a DoT affidavit, 'There was fairly substantial vandalism to Hockley bridge overnight'. 22 people including a number of Nicaraguan activists, split into three groups and ran all over the site, dodging flying tackles from group 4. It was a half day and we caused a total of seventy five minutes down time.

25th March

It rained, no site work done.

26th March

We arrived 26 strong at 7.45am. How we managed to get up this early, god only knows! We succeeded in occupying one of the large excavators. Two group 4 men pushed an activist of the top of the digger arm 25 foot up, this resulted in a number of chipped ribs. After three attempts six protesters succeeded in stopping a smaller mechanical monster. The hockley road was then blocked by a sympathetic driver while demonstrators swarmed onto the stranded digger caught in the middle of the road. Up the hill comes an assortment of vans and landies containing over fifty of our local constabulary. Hopelessly outnumbered and standing in a sea of black hats, most demonstrators leave the digger with two people locked to the arm. Two people are arrested on the small digger and by midday the remaining locked on activists have been cut off by hydraulic bolt croppers We then went down to what was the dongas site and blockaded the entrance causing a tail back of three dumper trucks. Group 4 eventually got their act together and pulled us off the road. 'The actual loss of production was four hours' (DoT Affidavit). Police later arrested two demonstrators for Criminal Damage to batter rails-charges were not pressed.

27th March

30 of us once again spent the morning from 7.15 onwards stopping this and blockading that. As well as group 4 we were once again confronted with thirty police officers. Our numbers were a third of the opposition and due to this we were not as effective as the day before. During the protests there were six

arrests including the co-editor of The Ecologist magazine. Five out of the six in the nick went on hunger strike. This lasted until after the court case three days later.

29th March

10 Minutes after midnight two people are caught by group 4 amongst the machines in the cutting. When the police arrived they found another two others hiding. None were equipped to cause criminal damage so they were released with cautions. The court case of the six arrested on the 27th resulted in them all getting unconditional bail. However one defendant was done for contempt of court-eg he punctuated the Tarmac laccies sentences with bleats.

3rd April

23 of us arrived on the site at 7am, after stopping the work for a short while and after various hair raising events including the tipping of a dumper trucks full load of chalk onto an activists head, group 4 managed to get us off the site. A number of people then started to 'Dance through an area of wet concrete which had just been laid'. This happened several times until a contractor kicked down one dancer and while two held him down, tried to hit him over the head with a spade. Luckily the demonstrator came off with a fair amount of bumps and bruises and nothing worse. On this action as on others a number of female activists were groped and had some articles of their clothing pulled off. This led to group 4 being nicknamed grope 4 and a recommendation that considering the violence of contractors, security and police towards specifically female activists, we should not go onto the site in women only groups, or in groups under twenty.

A number of group 4, we are unaware of the figure, had by this time been injured. Injuries ranged from sprained knees, from slipping while trying to rugby tackle us, to more serious fractures. Whenever we tried to occupy a digger the drivers spun the shovels like psychopaths. none of us were hit but group 4 were not so lucky. Tarmac and the police have often cited these incidents to back up the idea that Twyford Activists are a violent mob. This is not true, we are not in any way responsible for the accidental injuries and deaths of DoT employees. It simply shows the idiocy of some security guards and the danger of putting macho men in charge very big hunks of moving metal.

We sauntered home, rather disempowered. As we left the site 'the police arrived in force' immediately arresting three people for breach of bail conditions. At this time the courts were often giving out outrageous bail restrictions saying we couldn't go within an exclusion zone 3 miles long. This included the railway, the A33 and large parts of Winchester itself .we even banned us from going to St.Catherines hill . of course we were still observed on site and figures were often seen in the trees of St. Catherines.

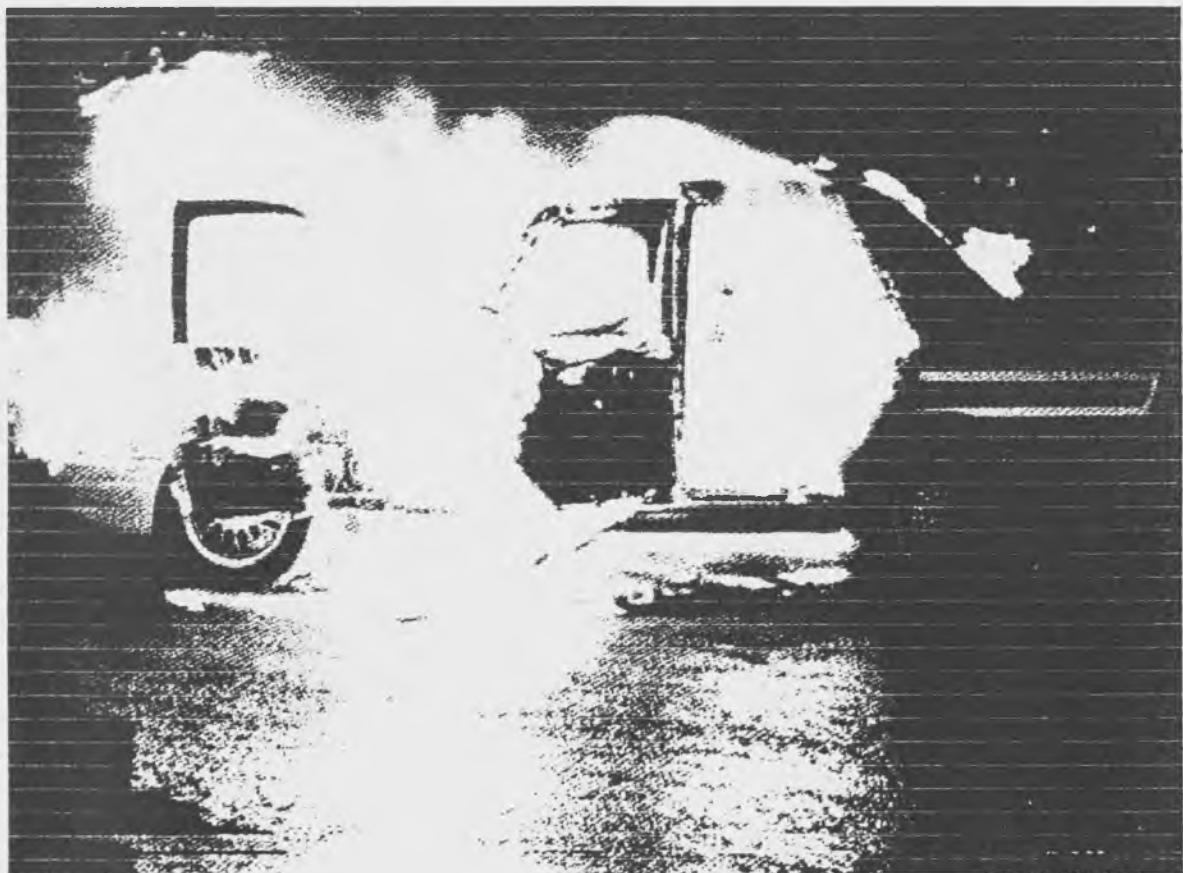
4-16 April

For much of this period the sky opened up and

CARS WAR



SMASH IT UP



BURN IT DOWN!

THIS PLANET IS TOO SMALL FOR THE BOTH OF US

our feet got muddy. This made the contractors work impossible and once again mother earth did our job for us. For various reasons our numbers lowered, however the situation soon changed....

17th April

An overwhelming day of action attended by over 250 people, led into the cutting by David Gee (Ex-director of FoE). Media reports concerning ram-paging mobs and Security guards receiving fractured skulls were very imaginative and came originally from surprise, surprise the police. However back on the real world the consultative engineers in court evidence said 'Two group 4 men received minor injuries in the scuffle'. Another DoT affidavit goes on to say:

'The protesters came to the top of the hill arriving on site just north of Arethusa clump.... Almost immediately 50 or so protesters rushed the line of group 4 guards who fell back to the position of the nearest machine. Another machine was overrun by protesters almost straight away. Group 4 fell back to the second machine in an attempt to keep it working. The protesters actions were very vigorous and within a short time (3 minutes) one protester got onto the machines boom and this stooped work'

No work was done in the cutting all that day and:

'There was considerable damage done to machinery all taking place during the protest'. Tarmac claim that about a dozen machines were 'seriously' damaged, Some written off while others remained inoperative through till May. Needless to say no-one or nothing was caught.

19th April

About 10 of us occupied the Mott MacDonald office in Winchester. This and the previous raid/occupation, (see Twyford Diary-part 1) was not only useful in that it disrupted work, but also in that it brought to light just how dodgy they are. From 'Obtained' documentation we found that not satisfied with being one of the most hated Consultative engineers in Britain, they are also involved in building a logging road through the Venezuelan Rainforest, 'Urban redevelopment' in Jakarta(knocking down slum dwellings!), the horrendous World Bank Bangladeshi Flood Action Plan and they are even building a bypass around Bagdad!. Well I think we can truly say BASTARDS! One minor was arrested for Breach of the Peace, eg being locked onto a radiator and singing, but was released six hours later with no charge.

20th April

We attended the opening of the nearby controversial M36 Salisbury Bypass enquiry. One activist being infuriated with the actions of the Inspector did a sit in with his coat over his head to the chorus of 'I am being muffled', much to the outrage of the Inspector who closed the Inquiry for the day.

21st April

Second day of the Salisbury Inquiry. Outside



the hall where the Inquiry was being held was a riot van and a police landie. Inside a collection of sturdy Security men were making their presence known. Three of us were removed by police while trying to ensure a democratic Inquiry. Our actions, in the end, secured the production of written & audio transcripts of the proceedings, an objectors office, a creche and evening sessions.

22nd-23rd

It rained and rained and rained, I love the rain!

24th April

'Environment Day' at Winchester Cathedral. The protest camp set up stall. A large banner was hung saying 'Has the environment had its day?' on scaffolding outside the cathedral, and some happy twyford campers were subsequently chased around the grounds by Cathedral vergers.

28th April

Meeting with Ecover to discuss boycott.

29th April

The request by the Department of Tarmac for an order to Injunct the Twyford 76 was adjourned as the judge ruled that the governments 'case evidence was inadequate'. Much jiggling outside the high court.

30th April



decided to park up the machines to prevent damage... There were many scuffles with protesters in the intervening time where they succeeded in partially stopping several machines... At 10.25 another group of 40-50 protesters went to the Bar End Bridge and succeeded in stopping all works for an hour or so until they started to walk up to join the other group on the top of Twyford Down. There were two machines damaged adjacent to the Bridge, a bulldozer and a grader'.

On the way to meet action group 2 we spotted dumper trucks whizzing here and there, and after a few minutes we managed to stop them. Then without warning one of the drivers revved up his engine and drove straight into a group of protesters, most jumped out of the way but 2 held their ground. Alex from Aire valley EF! (Leeds), was knocked over by 17 tons of dumper truck and for 10 minutes or so had one of its tires on his chest, for a while we thought he was gonna. An Ambulance came & took him to hospital, amazingly he only sustained a sprained shoulder! Guess who's got the goddess on his side! He is pressing charges so if you were there, contact Aire Valley EF! NOW.

2nd of May

The festival of Fire. Another great day of celebration. It was however marred slightly by a couple of hundred police evicting the techno rave in the adjacent field. A very violent situation was narrowly avoided. The ravers after two days of dancing didn't have the energy to resist, so many a riot shield wielding policeman didn't get the fight they were so obviously looking forward too.

3rd of May

This day turned out to be another bizarre one. Overnight two people had been arrested for 'criminal damage', for allegedly cutting down the fencing around the cutting. One of the activists was badly ruffed up by grope 4 while waiting for the police. The sun came up and the action began. We didn't need to take action against the main site at Olivers Battery as the ravers were still using the site as a carpark. Eager not to be outstaged two groups hit the cutting while a third allegedly hit the compton site. In the words of yet another Dot affidavit, (staked they now reach a foot and a half):

'9.30 hrs the first group were now moving up plague pits valley... Blackwells decided to suspend operations and move all plant at the top of the site down to the Hockley traffic lights, where they felt Group 4 could contain the trouble more easily. Unfortunately the protesters were to quick and succeeded in stopping one of the excavators ...and preventing another from coming across... A second group of forty came onto the site and started to create problems. 10.00hrs. The three large motorscrapers were

Beltain gathering of the tribes. 2-300 came to stay for the weekend. The gathering lasted all weekend, and was the first, (and unfortunately one of the only) free festies of the year. The greenwood was once again awoken.

1st May

Work was stopped on three sites by 150 people. According to a DoT affidavit:

'At 8.45 hrs a group of protesters raided one of the small earthmoving operations at Shawford Down and did some very severe damage to the excavator before making off. There were between 35-50 of them and they seemed to know exactly what to do to cause the most damage to the machine. At the time much of the detailed setting out of the structure in the area of the site was destroyed'

The graffiti on the digger indicated that it was one of the cat 245's only just back in service after the 17th April. The driver of this digger the next week jacked in his job and moved to the Skye Bridge contract in an effort to escape 'eco maniacs'. Bad location for an escape!

'At 1020 another group of protesters were at the top of the down and they then started to invade the site as they usually do until... the Blackwells foreman

parked up and the Protesters tried to rush the larger excavators and there was a serious incident, when one Group 4 man was hit hard in the back by one of the excavators... He collided with another Group 4 man who was also injured'

'Howie who the police are busy framing with an assault charge on a site he wasn't even at, on the 17th of April, was seen on the demonstration, (a breach of his bail conditions) and, 'two constables gave chase but he eluded them'. A car chase around the South of Hampshire then commenced. We believe the Tarmac Site Supervisor broke speed restrictions on numerous occasions! Tut tut. Howie however once again eluded them, Hurrah!

'At 10.40 hrs the machines were parked up and left. At 11.00hrs there were reports of damage to machinery at Compton by a group of people in 8 cars who stormed the area of the site when no work was in progress. They did a severe amount of damage to a medium excavator and to another medium excavator, a large road roller, a track shovel and compacting plate. A large amount of setting out detail was also destroyed'.

Shortly after the time these incidents are alleged to have happened those who just happened to have been there were confronted by a horrific site. A quarter of a mile away and running towards us were 60 Group 4, and coming down the opposite end of the road were about the same number of police. Now knowing that the Group 4 would almost definitely beat us up and the police only probably we decided to run towards the police. We could not get off the road due to a 20 foot metal sound barrier skirting down the side of the road. Our cars were nowhere to be seen as a crash had happened.

causing a massive tail-back with our vehicles about half a mile away. About thirty seconds before we would have met with the police the jam cleared and our cars appeared. Two car-loads raced off, resulting in more car chases

but the police then blocked the road and six cars were left stranded, some even pushed onto the hard shoulder by police cars. The cars, the site, and everyone present was searched by the police, no tools were found. After all this was a bank holiday excursion of The Roadside Botanical Society. We were interested in the rare Yellow Cradworts, not horrible greasy monkeywrenches. Two people were arrested under suspicion of Criminal Damage but were later released and the charges dropped. The whole fracas caused great inconvenience to many Mayday holidaymakers. 'These incidents happened on the North bound carriageways of the A33, causing a large traffic jam in both directions for 45 minutes'. Oh dear!

4th-21st of May

Many ELF actions in other places, injunction hearings and gatherings etc. resulted in a drop of activity. The camp was also evicted by Ideal Homes and moved to an abandoned army camp nearby.

Greenfly, Market Gardens and the Pernicious Tarmac Weed.

On 22 May an amazing overnight action took place at Twyford Down. In order to stop Tarmac the



planet wreckers from building a massive construction bridge over the bypass (codenamed Operation Market Garden by the Dept. of Roads), 300 activists gathered at the protest camp that day for the counter operation-Operation Greenfly. There was an overwhelming sense of pessimism and helplessness as reccys had shown that Tarmac were preparing for battle by erecting razor wire barricades all around the site. Group 4, we learnt, had taken the precaution of hiring hundreds more guards and giving them instructions to use 'more than usual force'. The police were there in large numbers and the situation looked pretty fucking scary.

Well, we worried, we workshopped, we briefed, we painted our faces, gathered ourselves and set off to get to the site before the bypass closed down for the night.

The procession of 200 activists looked amazing. Our courage and determination grew as we walked through the watermeadows towards the ready built bridge which was about to be pushed across the road. The next sequence of events is amazing and shows what a group of determined people can do. It surprised even the most experienced and seasoned of activists. We formed into a tortoise formation, linked arms and marched onto the site. Rope was tied onto the razor wire, it was pulled away, the other fence was pulled onto it and we stormed in, united. There was nothing Group 4 or the police could do! As Paul said; 'We almost seemed to fly over the wire. It was as if we were carried.' The greenfly buzzed all over the 30 foot high, 200 foot long bridge. **WOW WHAT A FEELING!**

For 5 hours we held that bridge drumming into the night, until the police had to call in reinforcements from all over the south to get us down. By 2am, there were in total 550 police and 320 group 4. There were 52 arrests for obstruction of the police and whole action had been carried out, from our side, with a amazing lack of aggression. It was so empowering. About another 150 people had gathered on the other side of the razor wire, fires burned and a man breathed fire. On the bridge it was Party time. Night fell, the road closed down, the arc lights roared into action.

A horrific event unfolded as one activist while under arrest, was run over by a Tarmac tractor and fuel tank. The driver, laughing, parked up on the site road obstructing an ambulance from entering. Darren received serious injuries and was critical for a while. Darren's injuries included: a flailed left chest, (i.e. 6 multiply broken ribs), punctured and collapsed left lung, 5 pelvic fractures, ruptured urethra, and a broken ankle. Darren remained in Hospital for about a month and a half and was on crutches for longer.

Meanwhile the rest of the action was going much better. We drummed on the monster structure and the deafening metallic beat echoed across the valley. One man climbed a 40 foot lighting rig and flew the dragon flag and the dragon dancers took the

road!

A bank of TV cameras and press photographers lapped up this spectacular action, there was live footage on TV. It was splashed all over the national press the next day.

What was not reported was that, according to Blackwells, during that morning several excavators and water pumps had been trashed. That night as the greenfly fired up the night on the bridge, elsewhere an excavator was torched, a stretch of Tarmac burned and part of the worksite flooded. People have cost Tarmac and the DoT millions in lost time and 'damaged' machinery.

24rd of May-July 1st

No major action happened at Twyford in this period. The time was taken up with a concoction of smaller actions, court cases and even an invasion of Tarmac's AGM in London on the 16th of June. There was a large Twyford contingent at Glastonbury festival, (a consumer hype if ever I saw one), who gave talks and direct action training all through the festival.

July 2nd

Tarmac's injunction against 76 protesters was finally given the nodd in the High Court only two days before a planned mass trespass of the worksite. This injunction, and others that have appeared since, are near direct copies of the American S.L.A.P.s, (Strategic Lawsuits Against Public participation), and as a legal precedent it brings situations into the fray that EFers in this country have not encountered before. Firstly, a possible stay in prison, for contempt of court, for all named injunctees who break the injunction. Secondly, all the injunctees become 'jointly and severally liable', for all legal costs and damages. The DoT is intending to claim damages of £2 million, and theoretically under this injunction one injunctee who was on the site once could be held entirely responsible for the two million pounds the DoT is claiming. An appeal against the injunction has now been set up and is contactable via, David Plumstead, 0303-265737. (For more deatils of SLAPPS read 'SLAPPS come to Britain', Sept/Oct 93 issue of The Ecologist).

4th July

It was evident to all how tyrannical the injunction was and it was decided that it should be made a laughing stock from the very beginning. Two days after the passing of the injunction a ceremonial mass trespass entitled 'reclaiming the land' was held. 600 people including a group of injunctees who put their liberty on the line, surrounded the cutting in a massive circle, climbing over into the cutting. This was the biggest Twyford action yet and it seemed, (happily) more like a festie than anything else. There was a healthy mix, sabs, travellers, doctors and EFers. Police vans were circled around and the sun blazed down reflecting on the chalk.

Tarmac had learnt its lesson and had moved the machinery out of the cutting and into a compound

the machinery out of the cutting and into a compound at the other end of the Bailey Bridge. There was no way the police were going to let us in there. An attempt was made but only resulted in exhaustion and twenty or so arrests. There was a severe problem with the lack of drinking water so many just jumped into the River Itchen and cooled off. Needless to say, no site work was carried out and from the onset we had made a mockery of the injunction.

23rd of July

In the High Court, 'the lord' Just-us Alliot, who had passed the injunction a month earlier, ruled that seven injunctees who had taken part in the Reclaiming the Land demo, were in 'Contempt of Court'. He said in his summing up that there was one more important thing than nature and that is..... the rule of Law! Well he would say that I suppose, being the law.

He sentenced them to 28 days in Prison, (more than many wife beaters get!), and thereby created the biggest PR disaster the DoT had ever seen. There was condemnation against his decision from all sides and the prisoners, serving in Holloway, (women) and Pentonville, (Men), were visited by many 'notables'. These including Carlo Ripa da Meana, the EC minister who resigned in rather suspicious circumstances, after initiating legal action against the English government over Twyford and Oxlees. The prisoners received much media coverage and about fifty

letters of support a day from all around the world.

They were finally released after serving thirteen days of their sentence. Other injunctees face a spell inside if the combined forces of Bray's detective Agency, the police and grope 4 catch up with them. Considering this and the likely spread of these injunctions we can expect many of us to be prisoners in the future. However, we must not let the government's intimidation tactics work.

The cutting at Twyford gets ever deeper and the down, the watermeadows and of course most of the dongas are now destroyed, but its destruction has given birth to a movement and the fight goes on. The road is doomed. We invite all like minded folk to come to the M3 extensions 'opening' ceremony next year with a pick axe, and we will dig this abomination up! But in the mean time..... Please show your anguish at the loss of this precious place, your solidarity with the injured protesters and your commitment to fight earth rapists everywhere!

Lots of Love and no compromise, ever!!

Boudicca and Snufkin.

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-The main part of the Diary was written by Snufkin, and 'Operation Greenfly..' by Boudicca. Both are small round shiny red insects from Camelot EF!

Asterix and friends visit their local Tarmac Office



News from the other islands



Border Dispute

The Native Forest Network, Earth First!ers from Vermont and the IWW blocked US/Canadian Border on the Interstate 89 highway. The blockade was finally broke up heavy handily by US Border police. Actions were also held at the Arizona-Mexico border. Similar to 'free' trade legislation in Europe, NAFTA (the North

American Free Trade Agreement), is quite simply an attempt to legitimise the multi and transnational corporations ability to suck up the wealth from the rest of the world while simultaneously denigrating environmental regulations. For More info on these subjects read recent issues of the The Ecologist and contact American EF!ers. In

the words of a participating activist, 'The multi-nationals have formed puppet governments...so its up to us to rise up and give a clear message to the multi nationals, "Go to Hell!"'

Source - Alarm

Earth First! Defends the Danube.

Many people outside of Slovakia have now heard about the Gabčíkovo Dam controversy, which goes before the world court in Hague after four years of negotiations between the govt's of Hungary and the former Czechoslovakia. The polemics are vivid indeed, and the whole world is becoming interested in its course and outcome.

I shall write this article with regard to ecological aspects of the problem and shall avoid the political ones which unfortunately have penetrated the whole affair. I shall do my best to describe the whole scope of problems in a most concise way. So let us get to the

point.

Construction of the dam began in 1978 as a common project of Hungary and former Czechoslovakia. Following the political changes which took place in 1989 (in both countries), Hungary withdrew from the contract and stopped work on Nagymaros. The Hungarian party claimed the same approach from the Slovak partners but Slovakia hesitated after the revolution. At that time environmentalists all over Czechoslovakia began to protest more loudly. Their activities culminated in 1991 when they blocked the building site and access roads to it several times.

August 3rd, 1991 was a very

sad day, as anti-terrorist commandos were used against the demonstrators. All the environmentalists activities on the building site took place in the presence of numerous police troops. The environmentalists naturally had also employed other forms of disapproval before they started direct action. Petitions, letters of protest and scientific studies were tried, but nothing worked and they could not prevent the last step in the construction: the damming up of the Danube on its 1853 kilometre.

Also on that August third, an action took place to prevent the terrible destruction. We- Children of the Earth, Greenpeace & Earth First! - organised a protest cruise

Earth Nights

October 31st to November 5th



Party on Dudes !
Halloween is for the
Faeries.



along the Danube in inflatable boats from Bratislava to the mentioned 1853rd kilometre. Almost immediately after launching the boats on the Danube, the river police appeared and appealed to us to push ashore. We did not react to those orders given to us via speaking trumpet, and sailed on to our objective, the pontoon, used as an access road by the lorries filling up the Danube.

However, another police boat, a motorized and much more powerful and efficient one 'started its service' by bumping into us and by doing so prevented us from occupying the pontoon. While this struggle was going on in the water, some of us managed to get on the shore and tried to block the police but were stopped by the workers working on the construction of the dam. One of us was

even knocked out by them.

I need not continue describing all that happened then. It is enough to state that neither in the water nor on the shore did things go the way we wanted. That day we lost again. When I left the building site with my friends, carrying the boat on my shoulders and looking at the defamed countryside misused by peoples conceit, I felt very miserable and depressed. All this was made by man and man is proud of it.

Many of you, who must have had chances of seeing something similar (and there have been and still are many chances), must have experienced the same feelings. But watch out: the fight has not finished yet!

All will be decided at the law courts in the Hague, but until then we can continue to evoke pres-

sure on the Slovak govt and their staunch advocacy of this monstrous construction. Those interested in more detailed information should write to my address.

The dam construction has so far damaged 40 sq. km. of countryside. Up to 1991, 1500 cubic metres of were used on the dam construction. The variants considered to this point range from: completion of the dam according to the treaty of 1977; dam construction without simultaneous completion of the water dam Nagymaros; completion of the water dam with and without checks; employment of the Gabcikovo dam for sailing, flood protection and partly for power production; stopping all work and conservation of the dam; and lastly, employment of some objects, particularly for protection from floods, gradual dis-

mantling of other objects and recultivation of the countryside to environmentally acceptable condition. The last alternative is the one we support, of course.

Please join us in our effort to save the Danube. Write letters of disapproval to: Vladimir Meclar, Premier, Namestie Slobody 21, 813 70 Bratislava, Slovakia. Please send copies of these letters to Slovakian Earth First! see contact list.
By Tomas Kolenka
Slovakian Earth First!

The riverscape and countryside between Bratislava and Györ is almost untouched.

Together with the adjoining Austrian floodplain forest, side-arms and ox-bow lakes are regularly flooded. The wide range of biotopes play host to a huge diversity of life. In this region researchers have recorded many different birds and fish, as well as populations of red deer, river otter and beaver. There are about 5,000 animal species, many still unknown to the scientists.

In the future, it will no longer be the Danube that flows through this landscape, but just a streamlet of two to ten percent of the present flow. Even more crucial will be the loss of the actual river dynamics; smaller average sized floods will no longer spill over the floodplains causing the groundwater to drop several metres. As a result, this whole floodplain area will lose the very basis of its existence. It is

expected that at least 20,000 hectares of the floodplain will dry up.

Many plant and animal communities and rare species will die out in this completely altered habitat. Directly endangered are 130 species of birds, 30 species of mammals, 8 species of reptiles 6 species of amphibians and 28 species of fish.

In the Slovak part of the Danube floodplain, at least 17 'protected' areas would be negatively influenced. The Cormorant Island 'nature reserve' has already been destroyed, and at least four other 'reserves' have been recently endangered. Twenty other areas proposed for 'protection' would be negatively influenced. If no change in the attitudes toward the Gabčíkovo project occurs, the proposed national or international Danube Park will fall by the wayside.

Nuke News

In January, around 500 demonstrators tried to block the transport of low/medium level radioactive waste. The containers were coming from Mol in Belgium to the so-called 'interim' storage site near the village of Gorleben. When demonstrators attempted to halt transport, police stormed in with tear gas and baton charges. Though the federal and state governments gave their go-ahead, the state government (Lower Saxony) is publicly against nuclear power. The environmental secretary is the former head of Greenpeace-Germany, (well it's not surprising then is it!)

Swiss Bio-tech Corporation Bombed

For the third time in a year, the Swiss company Bio-engineering AG was attacked. In February, when an explosion at a factory in the village of Wald caused over \$300,000 damage.

Bio-engineering AG provides products and services to the pharmaceutical industry. Two anonymous calls claimed the attacks by the 'Group of Iranian Martyr Mustapha Sadeki and Ali Sadeh', (Sadeki and Sadeh were political prisoners in Iran who died after being injected with bacteriological materials provided by Switzerland).

According to communiques, Bio-engineering AG provided assistance to Iran in developing biological weapons. The group also claimed that German firm Bayer directed the sales to Iran. According to police the group fixed explosives to several bio-reactors in the AG facility.



Source- Autonome Forum

Wilderness Defenders Jailed

53 Finn eco-warriors were fined in kajaani for disobeying the police. In October 1991, the activists took part in civil disobedience actions in defence of the Porkkasalo forest in Eastern Finland. Most of the activists will refuse to pay their fines and will instead go to jail. Their sentences vary from 4-22 days.

The logging in the area, situated at the border of the Hiidenportti National Park, was carried out by the National Forest Board, before a survey of the biodiversity of the area was even carried out. The activists, mainly from Luonto-Litto (The Nature League) resisted the logging for two weeks until finally being taken into custody. The logging operation was then guarded around the

clock by a regiment of police. Only weeks before the court case a report confirmed the ecological importance of the Porkkasalo forest, as an important corridor from the Hidenportti National Park to the forests of Russian Karelia.

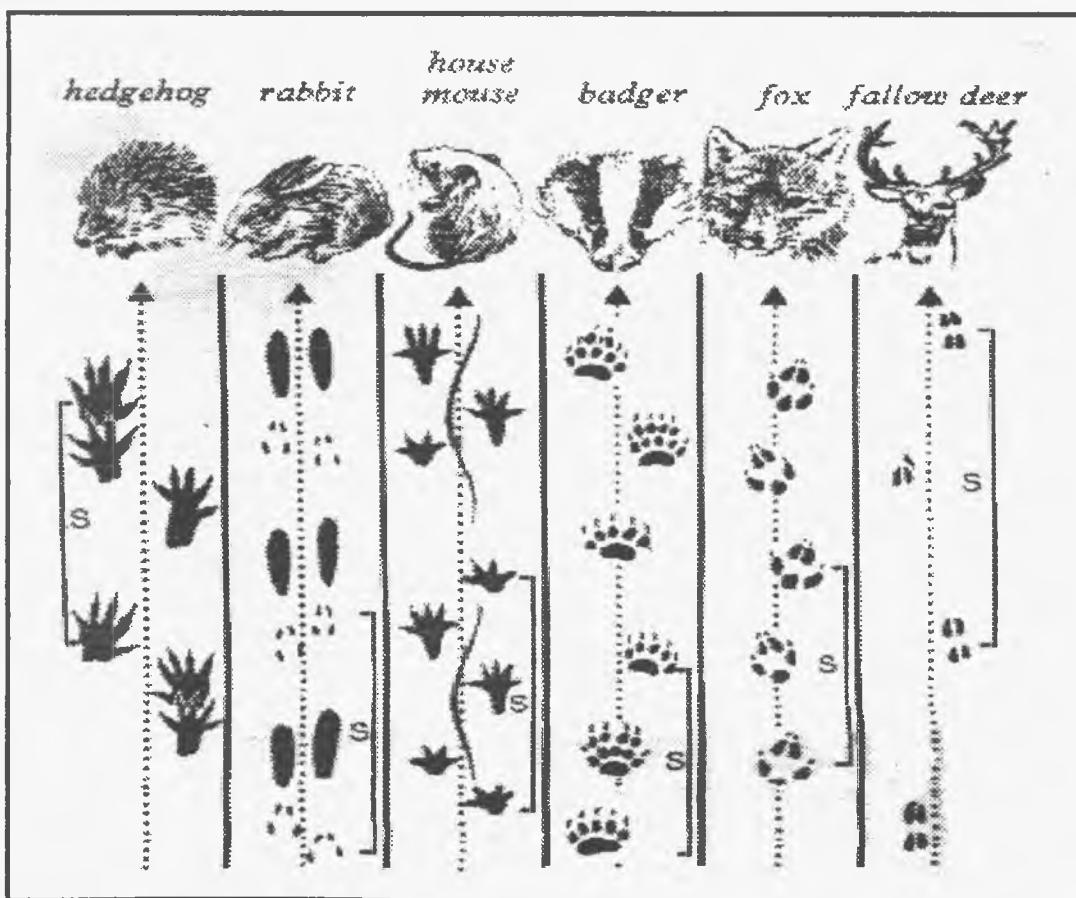
Legal wilderness protection is abysmal in Finland. Only about 2% of finnish forests are 'protected', mostly in the Northern part of the country. In Southern Finland not more than 0.3% of the forest land is protected, forest reserves not only cover primary and old-growth forests but also a variety of managed forests. Researchers reckon that over 1692 species of plants and animals are endangered in Finland, 43% are dependant on forest habitats. 800 of

these are becoming extict due to clearcutting and peat ditching. Britain is a major consumer of Finnish timber. It is our responsibility to open up the lie of finnish sustainable forestry.

For more information on the campaign contact

:Luonto-Litto, Tallberginkatu 1D/113, 00180 Helsinki, tel. (09) 694-7899

South Downs EF!ers can provide info on Scandanavian forestry and are preparing to visit groups in Finland, Sweden and Norway.



FLYING TREE IMAGES

21st Century Miracle

It's wet and green, its natural,
-and I really don't like it.
I'm glad we had the sense to take,
the noise of stinging insects.
There were monsters called mountains once.
That just took up loads of space,
did nothing to justify their existence,
a total unproductive waste,
(and some people disappeared on them).
Some people died up there, out walking.
We figured that they were a big distraction.
People walked aimlessly on the mountain,
with no thoughts at all of the real world,
And you got all this noisy springtime chirping,
from germy things that shat on you,
called birds.
(I appreciate these are unknown words)
And there was all this danger of viruses,
in the bad old days of open air.
People breathed them in with unhappy faces,
dropping like dirty flies everywhere.

And real trees? They had dying leaves,
they didn't glow neon all year round.
If you lost your way at night,
in a woodland site,
It was really dark, you might never be found.
You had stinging nettles and uneven ground,
soggy and muddy and swampy in parts,
And the strange wild wetness of rivers flowing
free.
That children could drown in,
(damn! They broke some parents hearts).

And there were strange coloured children,
as dark as the night.
Who'd eat slugfodder,
grown with shit from bulls.
They weren't all beautifully uniform white,
with clean blonde hair and blue eyes bright.
Strengthened by eating nice clean chemicals.
And everything was spoiled by a dazzle of
colours.
How can you think straight with eyes over
whelmed.
Eyes just got damaged from so many lusters,
competing so madly, making us ill,
It was so bad you had to close your eyes,
just to sleep.
(Imagine that now, in these days of real

progress!)

And all the colours had different fragrances.
No wonder those people had so many nose
bleeds.

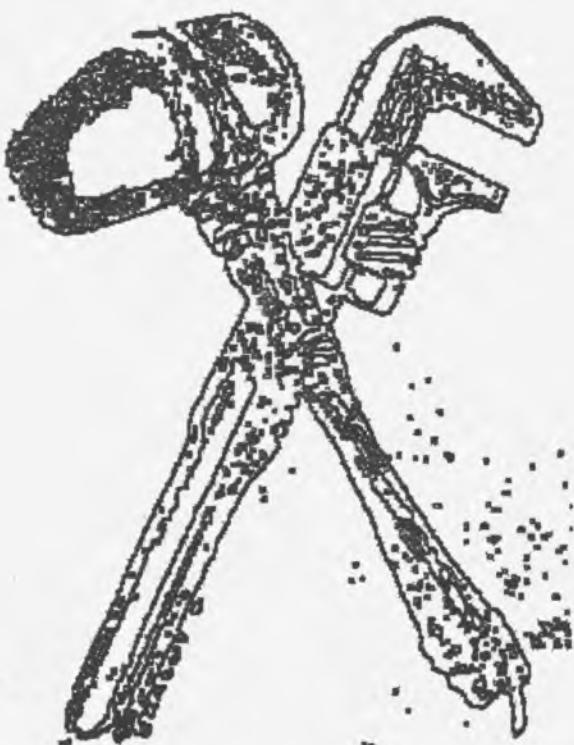
(Oh what was fragrance, did you say?
It was an invading microbe squatting nostrils.
That once colonised the human brain,
It stopped thoughts being healthily uniform,
mutual,
And probably triggered nothing but pain).

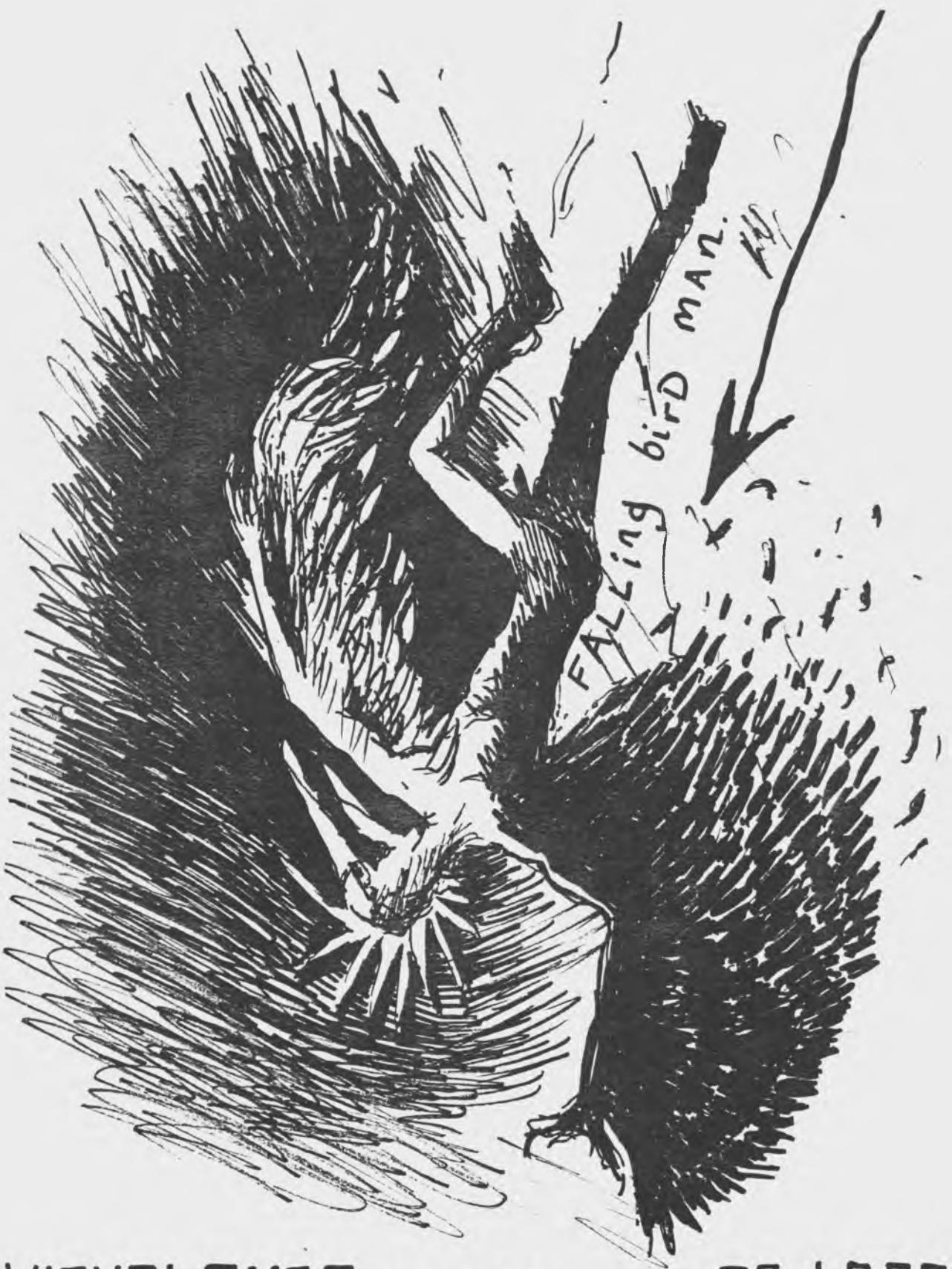
So remember kids, beware black magic:
If its wet and green and natural, trash it.
Those were dreadful days, when mothers were
female.

They bled endlessly too, before we cured it.
Because they danced so much then, like fools,
there was always some woman bleeding pools.

And she had lots of eggs just going to waste,
before we drew up the proper rules.
Governing unsterilized mobile ovum-factories,
which today, fill their proper laboratory place,
and happily now, don't even need feeding.
No danger now of mixed-blood breeding!

-Tinkerbell.





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Self-Defence

One day I went out walking; I was tired of talking.

In anger I was stalking iron monsters that rape our land.

I had gone but a short distance, when I came upon a new fence.

With a sign that shouted in silence:
No trespassing-U.S Forest land.

So after a cautious look about, my wirecutters I did take out.

I'd come prepared like any good scout, or serious steward of the land.

After a few fence improvements, remembering Ecodefence hints,

Being sure to leave no prints,
I continued to survey our land

I found in the next canyon a scene of great destruction.

Trucks, dozers, graders, ad nauseum, ripping the soil that defends our land.

And as I waited for darkness, I thought,
How can they do this?

Are they really so blind, so thoughtless, that they'll destroy our children's land?

At first light I abandoned my night's work in the canyon.

Those machines I'd laid my hands on would cease to rape our land.

I was pleased by what I had wrought, but tired and saddened as I thought
Of all the people who can be bought, with paltry wages to kill our land.

The politicians wrangling, the bureaucrats entangling,
In red tape they are strangling the fight to save our land.

Until they come to their senses,
I'll keep on cutting fences,
Committing monkeywrench offences,
in self defence of our land.
-Rod Smith, grasping a monkeywrench somewhere in the wilderness of N. America.

Telephones

Telephones are not real,
they are some man's fantasy,
And they will not last.

Our love for each other is real.
It is of the earth,
And will endure.

Do not insult our sacred connection.
By forcing it over and over,
Into the shape of the long thin wire,
For the man to look at.

The man's fantasy is almost over.
Do not depend on any part of it,
So that we will not fall with it.

Be grounded.
Listen to the earth,
And you will hear,
The wild ones crying for protection
And freedom.
The war cry of your comrades in battle.
Our approaching steps,
Coming to play music with you.

The spider,
And the beaver
Weaving it all back together.
The real connection,
And the only one to depend on.
-Anonymous

THE ONLY GOOD COPPER?...



It may seem disproportionate, carrying such a large article on one action. However Timbnet 3 well demonstrated the problems of the way we relate to each other on actions.-editors.

On Monday 24 May, 150 to 200 people occupied the yard of Timbmet Ltd and stopped the yards work for the day. Timbmet was chosen because they are the largest supplier of Brazilian mahogany in the South of England. They deal with three of the worst Brazilian logging companies, whose names are stamped across all their mahogany. They know what they are doing and do not intend to change voluntarily. They have been caught red-handed with illegal timber twice, an almost impossible feat, considering the corrupt system they operate in.

The Action.

At 6 am half the protesters entered the yard from the front making a diversion for the other half, who entered from the back shortly after. Timbmet put up no resistance- the gates were wide open, the Group 4 security men standing over to the side and the workers gathering at one end. The company had learnt its lessons from the previous years occupation well- the workers had been bused in very early and most of the day's work had been done on the weekend. The only part of the yard still working was the office, frustrating the plans of the 20 strong women's only group which had planned to blockade or occupy the offices. Although 6 protesters lay in the entrance to block access, their arms chained inside metal drainpipes, there was no attempt to move goods in or out.

After hanging banners around the yard, protesters carried Mahogany from the main warehouse and dumped it in a pile outside the entrance, under a sign reading 'stolen property.' According the Timber Trades Journal (TTJ) about 2 tons was moved. Mahogany was also piled up around the car of Dan Kemp, the managing director. A 50 foot inflatable chainsaw, on loan from Friends of the Earth, was also inflated in the entrance yard.

The problem remained that the office continued to work and take new orders throughout the day. The women's group had been planning to charge it when representatives went in to meet management, but they were ordered back. At around midday the focus moved onto the office and the protest escalated from the banging of sticks and drums outside the windows, to the banging on the walls of the wooden office building, to jumping up and down on the roof and attempting to storm the building by climbing up planks of mahogany inserted through windows. A few of the workers then intervened and started laying into the protesters. Had it not been cooled down the situation looked as though it could

turn into a total fracas.

There then followed extended group discussions between protesters, management and workers. The management offered to stop buying from companies proven in the Brazilian courts to be involved in illegal logging - a far weaker position than the campaigners wanted. The main area of debate was about the continued working of the office. Initially the management refused to close the office: this they said was not negotiable. Dan Kemp (the owner) stepped in and ordered the office workers home but they refused to move - an incredible situation by any standard. In the end the office workers set their own conditions - that they would only leave if the mahogany piled up around the yard was returned to the warehouse. Management refused to negotiate on five members of management remaining in the office.

The storming of the office had already split the protesters, and discussions over whether to accept this deal widened the split. Those favouring the deal pointed out that time spent in reaching consensus was time wasted during which the office would keep running. Those opposing the deal, pointed to the five managers who would remain, and were very uncomfortable about having been caught up in such negotiations and compromises at all. The vote on the deal showed a large majority in favour of accepting it, but there were many abstentions. Those favouring the deal started moving the timber, but those opposing the idea were angry and many of the abstainers refused to be involved. Most of those who had agreed to the terms felt humiliated by moving the timber back - as though they were legitimising Timbmet ownership of stolen property.

Problems and Solutions

The following are some personal comments - I am still not sure what exactly I think about the action, so these are some observations which I hope are shared by others.

There was a wide range of problems with the action. The main one surrounded the group decision-making. Discussion with management became negotiation and compromise without group agreement on whether there should be such negotiation at all, and, even if there should have been, there was no agreement on the demands.

There was certainly a major failing in the group processes, caused by inadequate and untrained facilitation of what was a large and varied group. Some people did not have a chance to speak, and at one point Tony James from management appeared to take control of the discussions. Many felt that management and workers should not have been involved in all group discussions, and that to allow

them to join in was a decision that also should have been taken by the group.

Because there had been no preparation for group decision taking during the action, the burden unfairly fell on Kate (OXEF!) who was far from objective, having been one of the main movers in organising the protest and having spent several hours in discussions with management.

It was clear that the group dynamics had fallen apart and that, in actions like this, far greater attention needs to be given to them. Many people, including myself, felt very uncomfortable with the separation of a substantial number of women into a women only group, many women were unhappy with it too, feeling forced into the women only group by an unspoken law. It meant that we were divided from the outset. The lack of communication from the womens group was also a problem if you were outside the group.

In the de-briefing following the action, there were continued complaints about 'bravado and negative statements for egos sake', and sexism and inverted snobbery on the part of some protesters. There were similar comments at the EF! gathering over discussion on the ICI injunction. Each problem fed the other - poor facilitation and aims made people feel that a true consensus was not being allowed, feeding more posturing and leading to an even greater unwillingness to cooperate as a group, leading in turn to even more haphazard decision taking.

Personally I do not see that carrying the timber back in was a compromise if, by doing it, we would have cost Timbmet more in terms of time and money. How one feels about it should not be all that relevant - after all we are in this for the earth, not just our personal pleasure. However, I do not think that it did cost Timbmet anything of much measure and it was certainly not worth splitting ourselves over.

In any case -no compromise' is rather difficult to apply to Timbmet, or protests of this kind for we were not directly defending an area of wilderness. Protesters hot from Twyford were still high on the direct defence, but here the issue was far more complicated than just stopping the company.

The action was largely symbolic and this sym-

bolism was not recognised - moving the timber out of the yard had been symbolic - moving it back was a bad idea, largely because it felt like shit and the symbolism was bad. Whether the timber was moved, left out or shoved up Dan Kemp's arse wasn't really that important in itself.

In theory the action had two aims: to close down the yard and to get the word out to the general public about one timber in particular - Brazilian Mahogany.

In many ways this was a compromised aim - why, some activists asked, is this a mahogany protest when the yard is stacked high with timber from all the world's endangered forests? It was a limited aim because we felt years of bashing on to the general public about timber as a whole has made virtually no mark. At least this is one issue where some momentum can be made, and where the industry is fighting itself.

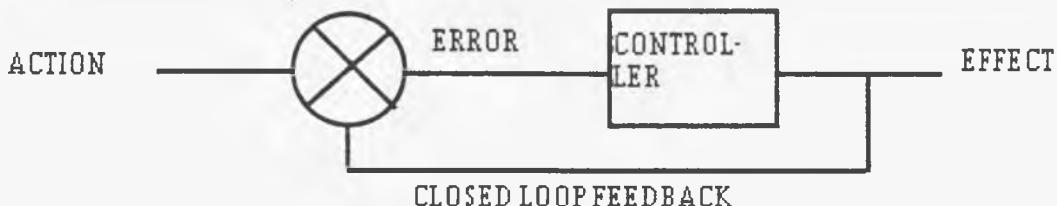
Over 50 million people in Brazil saw a large item on the action on their evening news, giving them awareness and empowerment. It was also covered by BBC World Service in Brazil and Brazil's largest newspaper.

Why then, did so many people feel so badly about it? What had happened was that, the aim of closing down the yard had come to take over the whole event. Thwarted at closing down the office, negotiations had started over how to close it, a partial closure had been offered with conditions. We should not have become involved in that process at all.

I suggest that in future we approach such actions with a sense of proportion- what is important is hassling the hell out of the company, getting the message out and empowering new people, and stopping this murderous trade. Ultimately what counts is that we build the movement, and this means that we need to put far more work into working together, holding back on our own egos and ideas and being prepared to listen.. Certainly we must never again charge into decisions without reaching full consensus, however long that takes. Everyone is going to have to find that time, and ensure that group decisions are reached as, and occasionally by shutting up.

-George Marshall, Oxford EF!

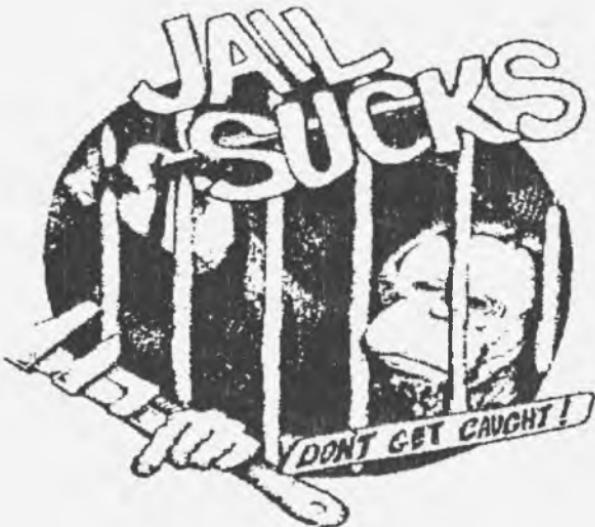
Control Methods 1: Feedback



Not Guilty

This guide is intended to cover many different situations, use your head and decide what is appropriate for your situation. Learn something about the law as the police are easily intimidated by someone who looks as if they know what they're doing and hardly ever do anything strictly by

the book. At too many actions the police are grabbing a few people trumping up some ridiculous charge and getting away with it because people aren't aware of the law or their rights. Remember if you plead not guilty and say nothing you can change your plea and sort your case out later with proper advice and time to think.



Q: IF I KEEP WITHIN THE LAW I WON'T GET ARRESTED, RIGHT?

Wrong, if you are going on actions you take a risk of being arrested. Don't be nieve, a lot of prison population is innocent. Watch the news - they lock innocent people up every day. Prisons aren't there to protect the public, they are there to control the public.

Q: SO HOW DO I AVOID GETTING ARRESTED ?

Cut your hair, wear a suit and get a job, preferably as a copper. The best disguise for a thug or a thief is a uniform. If this solution doesn't suit you then be aware, avoid having your name or face appear in the media, don't brag about anything illegal, use first names or a different name, and when you're on an action **COVER YOUR FACE**, don't get isolated, take

a camera , watch the police and always have at least one escape route in case they charge.

The police will make the assumption that one or a few individuals are the instigators or troublemakers and will try to intimidate or isolate this group. One tactic is to send officers into a crowd to stand at points around the loudest part of a protest, slowly these officers will be reinforced and will draw their noose tighter around the group they want to arrest. Keep looking over your shoulder and keep moving.

Before a police charge the police will stage a 'show of strength' which is easy to spot, vans will have been off loading police at strategic positions and then, when ready, they'll move into sight of the crowd and pause before they are given the order to charge.

Q:WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I GET ARRESTED ?

When you are arrested, you will be taken to a police station. You will be asked your name address and date of birth (If you are over 21 you don't have to give your date of birth). You also don't have to give your real name unless you are under oath and in a court, tell a mate the name your going to use before the action and have them near a phone to verify it and the address you've given.

Your personal belongings will be taken from you. These are listed on the custody record and usually you are asked to sign that the list is correct. Sign below the last item, so that the cops cannot add something incriminating to the list. Don't sign for anything which is not yours or which could be incriminating. You will then be placed in a cell until the police are ready to deal with you.

Q:WHEN CAN I CONTACT MY SOLICITOR ?

You should be able to ring your solicitor as soon as you've been arrested. Once at the police station it is one of the first things you should do because:

1. to have someone know where you are
2. to show the cops your not going to be a soft target.

If you can, avoid using the duty solicitor they are often in league with the cops and often encourage people to plead guilty before bothering to hear their case, use your own. The police are wary of good or unknown solicitors. Avoid telling your solicitor too much for now.

Make sure to tell the solicitor that you are going to use your right to silence. Your solicitor can come to the station when the police interview you. Refuse to be interviewed unless your solicitor is present. Remember;

they want to prosecute you for whatever charges they put forward. **AN INTERVIEW IS A NO WIN SITUATION.** For your benefit the only thing you should say is "**NO COMMENT**".

**Q:WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS IN THE POLICE STATION ?
REMEMBER YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT.**

The police should give you a copy of their code of practice after they have filled in your custody record. Ask for a pen and pencil, write down all the names of the cops you come into contact with and keep a record of your time in custody. Demand everything you should get cups of tea, food, etc., if it wastes their time it will mean they'll want to get rid of you.

Q:WILL THEY BEAT ME UP ?

Probably not. The police will try to intimidate you but usually don't want to use force, it doesn't look good for them if you appear in court beaten black and blue. It is also an effort and a risk for them. If the police are acting heavy then ask to see the police doctor on some excuse and they will write a note that you are in good health which you should give to your solicitor. If they do beat you up go straight to a doctor when you get out and get your injuries recorded.

Q:WHY DO THE POLICE WANT ME TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ?

If the police have enough evidence to convict you, then they will not need to interview you. So an interview shows that you're in a good position. It means they want you to admit a 'crime' or someone else's part in a 'crime'. So don't say anything but '**NO COMMENT**'.

The police want to arrest you because it makes them look as if they're doing something to solve 'crime'. They want to increase their 'clear up rate' so as to be seen to be doing their job. You just have to look at the activities of the West Midlands Serious Crime Squad to understand how far the police can go get a conviction.

Q:WILL THEY TAKE MY FINGER PRINTS AND PHOTOGRAPH ?

Under criminal law they have the right to take your finger prints and to use reasonable force but they don't have the right to take your photo. When you wash your hands before they take your prints leave some soap on your fingers, push down hard on the card as they take them and this will spoil the prints. They may get stroppy but they may, especially if they are busy, not bother. Keep stalling and waste their time and they may well give up.

From the moment you go into the police station keep your face covered. Under the PACE law of 1986 they can't use force so they will use trickery. Sleep with your face covered and always be prepared to cover your face if they jump out with a camera. It sounds stupid but they really do do this.

Q:WHO DESPISED WHETHER THEY GO AHEAD WITH PROSECUTING ME ?

The police have to present their evidence to the Crown Prosecution Service before you can be brought to court. A copy of your evidence will be sent to your solicitor. Evidence usually rests on small points which is why it is so important not to give anything away in custody. The only place to explain anything is in court, it is what happens in court that matters. Here anything you said in your interview will be used against you, so don't even get caught up in small talk. If the case against you is insufficient it will be thrown out. Often the police will drop the charges against you before court if their case looks weak.

Q:WHAT CAN I DO IF ONE OF MY FRIENDS OR FAMILY HAS BEEN ARRESTED ?

there is a great deal you can do from the outside.

1)If you know what name they're using, as soon as you think they've been arrested' ring the police station. Ask whether they are being held there and on what charges.

2)Inform a solicitor.

3)Remouve anything from the arrested persons house which the police might find interesting, letters, address books, ID etc.

4)Don't get drawn in to telling the police something they don't know.

5)Take food or cigarettes to the police station for your friend. Any contact with friends will boost the confidence of the prisoner. Don't go to the police station if you run the risk of getting arrested yourself.

The police will lay off a prisoner if they have visible support from outside. A good loud demo outside the police station is the best support the prisoner can have. It is best to keep all contact with the police friendly, winding them up won't do your friend any good; being there will. Turn up at court as well, for most cases courts are practically empty, even a few friendly faces helps the defendant and will keep the court on its toes.

SUPPORT PRISONERS.

MENSTRUATION IN THE MODERN WORLD

In the late 19th and early 20th century, hysterectomies were advocated as a means of curing / controlling hysteria, diagnosed as a female complaint. How far have we come?

Today women are frequently defined as neurotic, psychotic and idiotic when they suffer with pre menstrual syndrome or menopausal symptoms. Common clinical explanations and strategies include hormone imbalance, HRT, anti depressants, tranquilisers and still, finally, hysterectomy and ovariectomy.

The Western medical model seems to largely view the problem in terms of either physical, based on hormone imbalance, or 'mental' and in need of tranquillising! This approach

takes little account of the confused and alienated female psyche on the physical female body. It also takes little stock of nutritional factors, herbs and traditional ways of dealing with menstruation such as food taboos, retreats and women's rituals which may in fact have a very sound basis.

Menstruation is an integral part of being a woman and as I see it, women are different but equal and complementary parts of a whole; male and female. We are balanced in nature and should exist harmoniously. In a patriarchal society, however, women are not acknowledged as such. Society seeks to devalue and sup-

press our femaleness and our strengths. It seeks to control aspects of the female which are seen as threatening; female sexuality including menstruation being one of them. (Men are just as subject to this misguided and outdated social conditioning as women and we should learn together to grow beyond it.)

Western society does not acknowledge menstruation except in very negative ways. It is defined

that our energies change throughout the cycle and that we should respond accordingly, or that our physical needs in terms of nutrition, sleep and exercise vary also. Thus we may doubt our own identity, feeling mad and isolated or trying to adopt patriarchal attributes in order to be accepted as equals. And so we lose touch with ourselves as women.

Menstruation is also powerful, mysterious, in harmony with nature's rhythms and cycles. It is the flow of creative life energy and when we lose touch with all of this

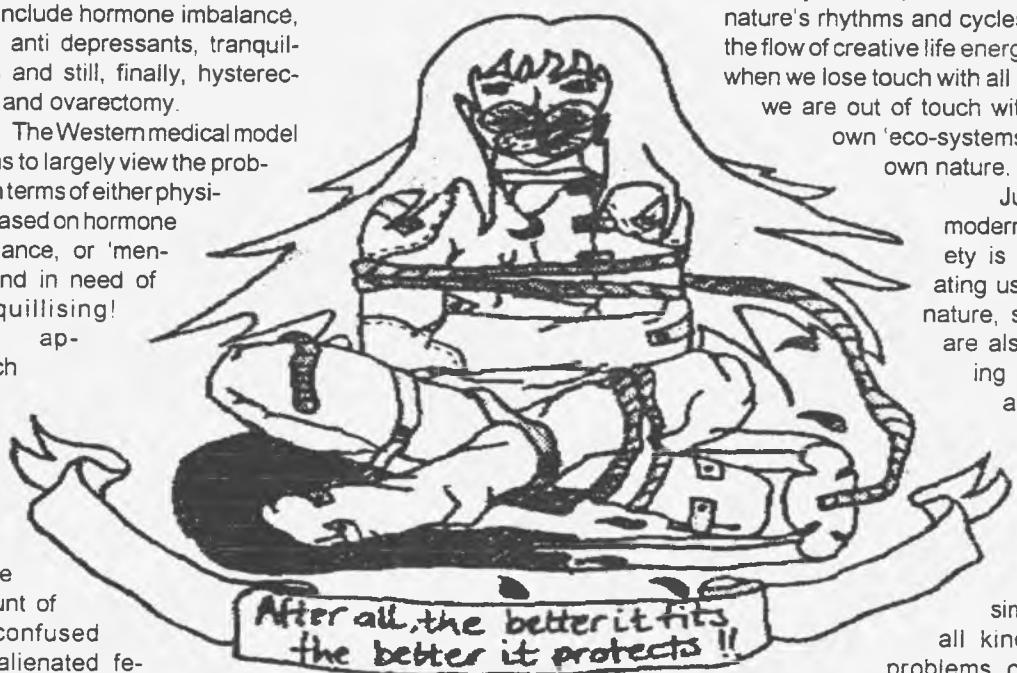
we are out of touch with our own 'eco-systems', our own nature.

Just as modern society is alienating us from nature, so we are also being alienated from our own nature and similarly all kinds of problems occur.

We find that actually we cannot exist for very long if we try to ignore and override nature. We badly need to get back in touch with ourselves and with the Earth.

It is not surprising that pre menstrual syndrome has become such a big problem for many women in this society. There are ways of dealing with this syndrome that work but they mainly address lifestyle, diet and nutrition, correcting systems and psyches deranged by modern life.

-Julia Smith.



as a curse, messy, dirty, inconvenient and possibly dangerous. Menstruation is not celebrated, it is hardly spoken of except in biological and clinical terms and we are in fact very ignorant about it in many ways.

We have no positive teaching, no rituals, no symbolic acknowledgement, no shared experience to build on. We are not taught that our cycles naturally would run with the moon and tides, connecting us deeply to nature; that the last phase in the cycle is one of introspection and retreat;

Out on the Streets

Towns such as Liverpool were built on the slave trade and the use of Africans as slave labour. The fortunes that started Lloyd's and Barclays' were made from the trade, infact the whole of this countries 'wealth' is based on the stolen land of millions of Africans, Indians, Aborigines, American Natives and even Irish, Welsh, Cornish and Scots.

Even after the end of the empire the English Government and Business sector are exploiting the poor south. Their resources are taken at insulting prices fixed by the Buyers who, as we saw in the Gulf war are prepared to go to war to keep prices down. British companies then sell massive amounts of weapons to people such as Saddam in the full knowledge that they will be used to kill civilians and 'uncivilised peoples'.

Since those who do this share their ethics with the media, the ethics of cash, the media sidelines these issues. When it comes to war the media is almost totally under the control of the state. Every image you saw of the gulf war was vetted by the ministry of defence before you saw it. This also applies of course to the war in Ireland.

With the situation as bad as this it is hard to believe that there are people who want to make things worse. The victory of the BNP candidate in Tower hamlets comes as a frightening blast when put in the context of the undoubted racism of the English state.

The vote was undoubtedly a protest against the poverty that exists in Tower Hamlets. The local community has suffered the ravages of the Docklands development which has seen housing in

the area destroyed to build yuppie flats and a business area firmly separated from the community. Millions have been spent and the

Pakis". Beacock himself has said that he doesn't believe the fact that millions of dissidents, gays, anarchists Jews, and gypsies were killed by fascists, and he admits to admiring the Nazi Party. The fascists rose to power supported by industrialists and big businessmen who saw the rise of anarchist and communist sympathies as a threat to their power in the twenties and thirties. By the time they had finished millions were dead and Europe was in ruins.

The fascists tactic was, and is, to first seize control of the streets through the use of gangs of youths. In Germany these eventually evolved into the SS. This is why the BNP has to be confronted on the streets, Hitler once said that if the communists instead of having meetings had kicked them off the streets then he would never have been able to gain power.

To make the situation yet more confusing the opposition to fascism is not all what it seems. Searchlight, the anti-fascist magazine is widely held to be under the control of MI5. Whether this is true or not, Searchlight has run stories attacking groups such as Class War claiming, in what must be one of the bizzarest accusations of our time, that Class War are fascists. More recently they have been involved in an attempt to infiltrate and sabotage Green Anarchist. This is well documented in the pamphlet 'A lie too far...'. The question one needs to ask is 'Who benefits?'

Another strange group to beware of is the 'Patriotic Vegan and Vegetarian Society', which is attempting to infiltrate the animal rights movement (full story in the recent ALFSG newsletter). There has also been moves to take over green groups, and direct environ-



islands inhabitants have seen little of it. Taking advantage of this, the British National Party campaigned on a catalogue of lies. They scared the locals with stories of Asian families getting council housing before white families when since April, only 24 of 135 council lets were to Asian families when a quarter of the Tower Hamlets population is Asian. They talked of whites living in fear of black violence in Tower Hamlets when 475 racial incidents against the black community were reported to the police last year.

The BNP are a party of violence. They support attacks such as the attack on the 17 year old Quiddus Ali who was beaten by 9 white youths as Quiddus was on his way to the video store with two friends. This assault near Tower Hamlets almost killed Quiddus. Beacock, the newly elected BNP councillor was meanwhile talking of "Sweeping the streets clean of

mental anger towards ethnic minorities. (There is an article on fascist infiltration of the green movement in DoD 1.)

As for the groups that oppose fascism most have their own agenda, Anti Racist Alliance with its Labour Party and Union links and the Anti Nazi League which is dominated by the Socialist Workers Party. These links with hierarchical parties make them open for infiltration and also put the membership at the mercy of the whims of the central committees. A good example is that of Anti-Nazi League supporters picketing the (excellent) film 'Romper Stomper' as it is shown around the country. When one member was asked if they'd seen the film he replied "If the ANL Central Committee deem the film to be Nazi propaganda, then we must accept their word for it and act accordingly". Not all ANL members are this stupid thankfully.

Most towns also have an Anti Fascist Action group, AFA is decentralised and less sectarian than the other anti-Fascists groups. It is a direct action oriented organisation disrupting fascist meetings and marches. Where other groups talk AFA takes action.

Anti Fascism is something British Earth Firsters should get involved in. Fascism belongs to those who have brought us to the brink of oblivion. Through the domination of nature and all its parts human and non-human, fascists would wish to attain complete control, imposing an artificial order on the world. If a party such as the BNP ever gets enough power we would be some of the first against the wall. Radical environmentalists were killed by Neo-Nazis in Germany last year, and the fire-bomb campaign against them continues. Meanwhile EF!ers in Serbia are fighting fascism, quarrying, river pollution and the such under the very real threat of execution, we can't afford to be complacent.

-Kelvin McKenzie

THEY KILL VEGETARIANS!

MOVE is short for movement. Like Earth First! they believe in the Liberation of all life. They advocate vegetarianism, disrupt circuses and start communes. They do where others preach. They have been continually harassed by the authorities and have suffered beatings and deaths including the death of a baby dragged from the arms of its mother Janine Africa and trampled to death by the police until its head was crushed. On the 13th of May 1985 a MOVE commune in Philadelphia was destroyed by a bomb dropped from a helicopter by Lieutenant Frank Powell, commander of the Philadelphia Bomb Disposal Unit. 11 men, women and children died. Why?

-From interviews with MOVE activists, October 1992.

'The fight MOVE is waging is not just for MOVE. It's for everybody, for all living things. Because we are fighting against the system that's poisoning the air that all life got to breathe, rich, poor, animal, vegetable, any living being has to breathe. We are fighting for clean water, that all life has to drink, that our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren have to drink. We are fighting for clean soil to grow healthy, strong food that all life has to eat. That our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren are looking for, for food, for health, that fight is for everybody...' Ramona Africa.

'The U.S. system had all the time been vicious against any revolutionary movement, the Black Liberation Army, the white North Americans, the Puerto Ricans but it seems like with MOVE they doubled and tripled it. All the other



people they got sent to jail or whatever but there wasn't this massive killing of people, this massive murdering.' Beverly Ramona.

'Well... They recognise exactly what MOVE represents. We represent the denials of the system. Not just on one level but on every level. This government feels like it can deal with somebody that says: 'Let's blow this up' or 'Let's

blow that up'. We are gonna eliminate these cops or whatever. But the revolution that MOVE is waging is on every level. It hits them in the pocketbook. Revolution is: Women having babies naturally at home and not relying on the system's hospitals and medicine technology to have a baby. That's revolutionary. Do you know how that hurts the medical industry, how much money that draws from them? They don't wanna see what happens. We don't comb our hair. We let our hair grow naturally. We don't wear make up, we are not cosmetic. Do you know what that does to the cosmetic industry? This system, their god is money and when you hit them in the pocketbook that's when they really feel threatened. That's where MOVE hits them. Because everything they do.. poison the air because of money, they kill people because of money. So when MOVE hits them in the pocketbook that's when they really feel it. They don't want people seeing our example, following that example, because they know what that means to their industry. And that's why they feel so threatened by MOVE.' Ramona Africa.

'Ain't nobody in other organisations talking about doing it but John Africa's revolution. Only organisation. That's why they see MOVE as a threat opposed to other organisations in the past that's been revolutionary. They got a lot of people that say this system gotta go but they don't mean all of it gotta go, totally. They feel like wiping out this government but forming another. John Africa says: No system, no life should be governed. People should govern themselves. 'Cause no other life lives by government but people. Animals do what their instincts tell them, but people should be governed. People in the past ... you had a lot of people that were so called 'Freedom Fighters' like the Black Panthers, there had been a number of people but none of them had ever said, what John Africa is saying about the whole system it's

gotta go, every force.' Theresa Africa.

'Yes, if they don't believe in the legal system they believe in the educational system. or they believe in some other form like the medical industry. John Africa don't teach us to believe in any of the systems and that's something that is not heard of. Nobody else believes that but MOVE' Ramona Africa.

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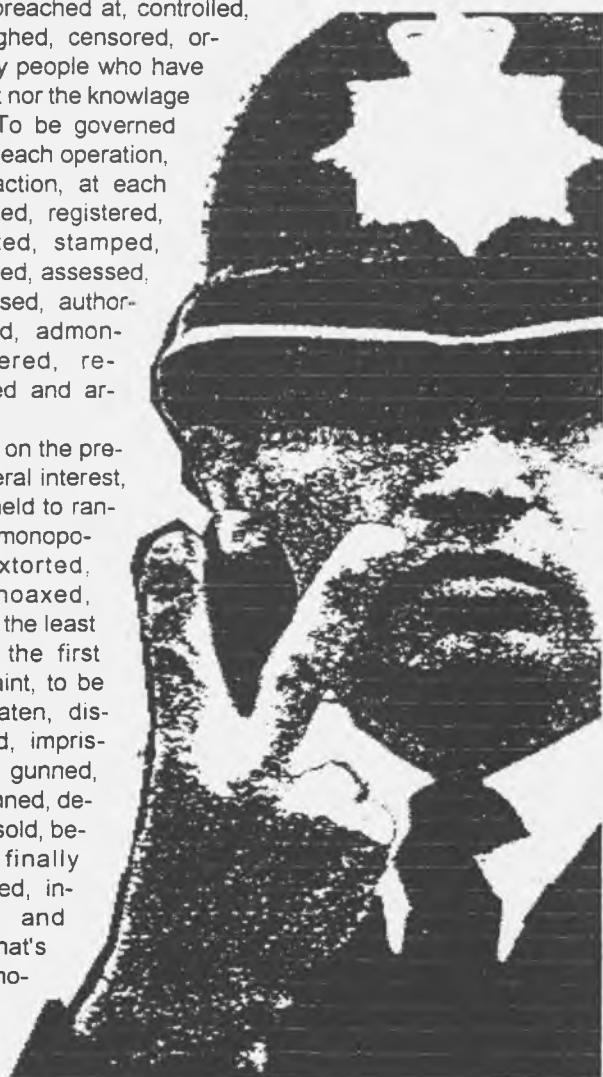
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GOVERNMENT

To be governed is to be watched over, inspected, spied on, directed, legislated at, regulated, docketed, indoctrinated, preached at, controlled, assessed, weighed, censored, ordered about, by people who have neither the right nor the knowledge or the virtue. To be governed means to be at each operation, at each transaction, at each movement, noted, registered, controlled, taxed, stamped, measured, valued, assessed, patented, licensed, authorised, endorsed, admonished, hampered, reformed, rebuked and arrested.

It is to be, on the pretext of the general interest, taxed, drilled, held to ransom, exploited, monopolised, extorted, squeezed, hoaxed, robbed; then at the least resistance, at the first word of complaint, to be repressed, beaten, disarmed, garoted, imprisoned, machine gunned, judged, condemned, deported, flayed, sold, betrayed and finally mocked, ridiculed, insulted and dishonored. That's justice, that's morality!

Proudhon
1851.



After being inspired by a trip to see Alan Watson and the Trees for Life project in Scotland (see DoD 2), a few EF!ers from the South Downs set themselves up to buy back land for the wilderness. 'The Wilderness!' now has people working away from the Hebrides to Hastings. This article seeks to explain why some EF!ers are doing something they pledged never to do - go fund-raising.

The Wilderness!

The Great Taiga forest is being pushed out of Scotland. The Oak woodlands are now but tiny islands, zoos for day trippers. All that is left of Caladon is a few sparse patches and the mountains are near soilless. The rivers are either being systematically damned so that their energy be diverted into toasters and powerlines or used as holding tanks to irrigate the cities ever more demanding population. British Man killed off the Brown bears in the 10th century, Beavers in the 13th, the wild boar in the 16th and the wolf lost its last strongholds in the wilds of Scotland in the 18th. We live in one of the biggest ecological disasters in the world!

Yet in every one of those wind beaten trees there is the spirit of the Wilderness struggling constantly to grow and live. These islands can be saved, not by civilised man but by the Wilderness itself-if only we would leave it to itself. 'The Wilderness!' has been set up to take land back from civilisation and to do just that- Leave it alone.

We would wish to see this island swathed once again in the lush verdure of an all-encompassing rage of life. Only wilderness has the ability to regulate the rhythm of life, the constantly diversifying force that pulses through the rivers of the forest and the veins of the people. The destruction of Wilderness in this country has led to the destruction of the spiritual, emotional, intellectual and physical well being of its human inhabitants. We are isolated within our concrete cities and our wheat filled countryside, from the wilderness that was and should forever be our mentor.

All living things are adapted to and adapt their environment. As long as this adaptation is in balance there is not a problem. However civilised humans want things all their own way, we seek to dominate,

not co-operate.

The Wilderness must exist. Not because we can use it, learn from it, admire it's beauty and power, although we could do all these things; but because we do not have any right to exploit it. Woodland Management, forest gardening and the like are all essential if we are to survive as a species, but alongside this there must be wilderness. If wilderness disappears, we will be left with a system simplified by man and weaken to the point where our own survival is in jeopardy. In the future we will have new questions which only the wilderness can answer.

With the above in mind we will make no compromise to any group, lobby or individual. This 'organisation' is about the wilderness. If we allow one seemingly innocuous activity to start, we open the door to others via debate.

Do not worry about centralism. We will not decide what to do, we will only ensure to the best of our ability that no-one else does. Nature will make the changes. No human activity will be allowed on the land of The wilderness till either humans have learnt to Live wild or until the concept of landownership falls. Until we ourselves are wild again, we have nothing useful to contribute except the end product of all our toil, strife and destruction:- Money (yuk!). Please make your checks payable to 'The Wilderness!' (address in contact list).

If you can spare some time, find suitable land in you area and tell us of it. This will save us time and money, enabling us to buy more land!

Money will not be wasted on pretty magazines, if you want to see the land bought we will give you a map and you may see it for yourself . All the information we have (except names and addresses of those who wish to stay anonymous) is open for you to view, either by calling into the office or by post if you cover the cost.

Remember 'The Wilderness' is not a front for Earth First!-EF! is a front for wilderness.

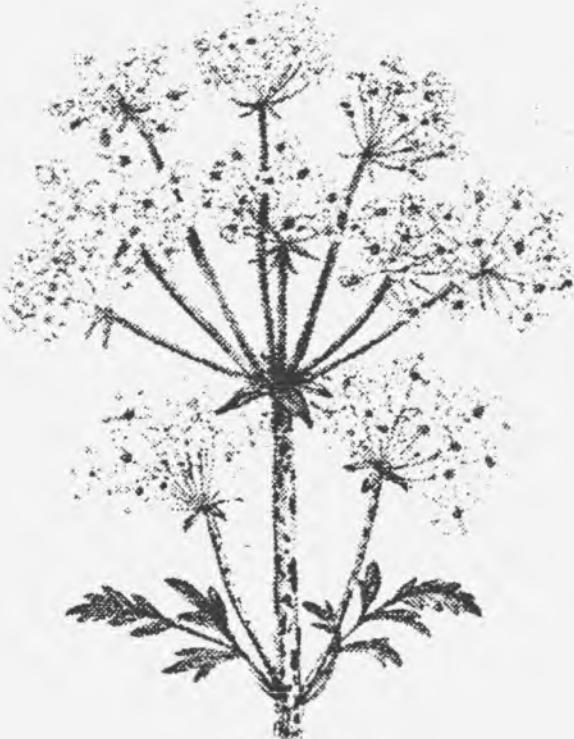
WE ARE ALL RESPONSIBLE

FOR THE IRRESPONSIBLE

Paranoia.. noia.. noia... noia BOO!

HEMLOCK

Conium maculatum - Poisonous.
Common on waste ground and near streams. It flowers in June/July and can be up to 5 feet tall, it has feathery foliage and hollow, purple-spotted stems. The plant is most toxic when it is young and green. The poisonous alkaloids are destroyed by drying and heat.



To be or not to be paranoid

by Annette Tibbles, HMP Holloway

Richard and I have just sat through our four week trial, and hope to pass onto everyone some of the information we have come across. This is not intended to be a scare story, but to help us better understand the way that the police treat Animal rights. (Although many EF!ers may have difficulties with 'Animal Rights' tendency to put certain lifeforms above others, never the less the police will view us as AR activists-ed.)

There is a special unit working out of Scotland Yard, called the Animal Rights National Index (ARNI). Their task is to gather large amounts of information on individuals. When, during our trial, it became clear that they were doing a much better job than we had ever imagined. I decided to try and establish their sources of information and how they use it.

So far the police have indexes on people, addresses, vehicles and telephone numbers. It is quite shocking to find they have 21,000 names on the index. Each persons sheet runs like this. Name, address, d.o.b., schooling, job, phone number, other numbers used such as passport and bank accounts, aliases used, physical description with updates if it changes ie haircuts, contact with police, sightings on demos, people standing next to the subject or travelling together, vehicles registered to subject and other vehicles driven, associates and friends, memberships of organisations and past record of convictions.

Obviously, the more contact the police have had with you the larger the file. But the more active you are, for instance sabbing, actions, demos and

friends involved in campaigning, the more likely is the chance of them having something on your file

They use this information to build up an idea of who knows who and how strong their involvement is. So the areas we should be keenly aware of being careful about are address books and vehicles. Perhaps go through your address book and rewrite without using surnames and area (S.T.D) codes. That will confuse them if they ever get their hands on it! If you can, use hired vehicles on demos and register your car at a different address, or better still get everyone in your group to use the same address

Another area to be careful about is the type of literature you keep in your house. A newsletter may be perfectly innocent in your house, but if the prosecution holds it up in court it takes on a completely different perspective. During our court case they used household items-plastic bottles, sellotape, candles-to try and say they could be used to make incendiary devices. It shows you how single minded they can be, not to see the innocence of these things. Beware of new people asking stupid questions, and be aware that whenever you join an organisation the police know about it. Another area is telephones, houses and cars - treat them all as bugged.

I sincerely hope that this helps to build up a healthy paranoia. I am not intending to scare-monger people into stopping going on demos or any other activities but I hope this gives us a better understanding of how intensely the police are acting out their

Big Brother role I pass the message on to everyone-BE CAREFUL!

-Annette Tibbles. Annette was found guilty of conspiracy to

arson and sentenced to four years

BEWARE

Since the last issue of Do or Die Paranoia has once again given way to fact. Twyford activists have been hauled up in front of the High court, and referenced by Action files. These files have been produced by Bray's detect-

and preventing them from taking pictures of other activists. And thirdly, whenever possible conceal your face. Hooded sweatshirts are also a good idea. Why do the bastards work for them.

signed- An Action File!

They're at it again!

Surveillance story's once again surface as a South Downs E/F activists flat is broken into. Nothing was stolen, just a few things upturned. Another SDEF! activist at the same time had her car broken into again nothing removed. Could this be another case of Special branch playing Hide and seek.

Twyford Down Alert/Camelot E/F had a strange incident with their telephone recently. One activist called her mother in Glasgow but guess who answered the phone group 4 Winchester. She quickly put down the phone and pressed the redial button. Her mother answered the telephone

Another incident involved someone phoning into TDA! only to get connected to police motorway control!

News!

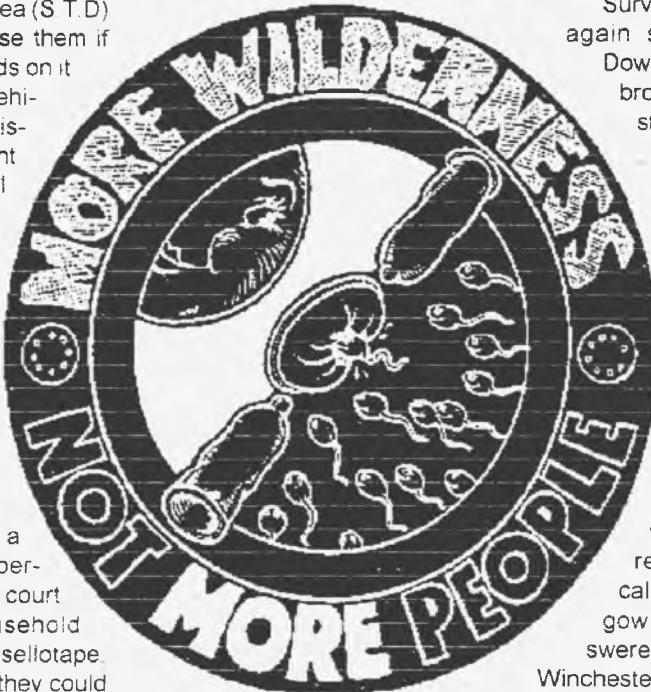
The deplorable actions mentioned below all happened on 1st of June. There were probably more but these are the only ones we've heard about.

Norwich-

A number of group 4 landrovers trashed, tires, windows, engine, wires and all

Various Billboards defaced and returned to organic state

Three people Caught (ARHHHHHH) flyposting



tive

Agency (Their offices have since been trashed-see News! article), and are a collection of photos and transcripts of videos which chart our individual progress into eco-activism.

Bray's and group 4 cameramen have since been seen on at the action at Timbnet, Golden Hill and the Channel tunnel. One activist arrested at Skye was told spitefully by a young police yob that they were cross referencing footage with Hampshire constabulary. The problems that injunctions create can often be avoided if you remember these simple rules.

One, never give your real name or address to the police Two, if group 4 or suchlike have camera crews on site, a small group should follow them about, standing in front of the cameras

Somerset-

£9,000 worth of damage done to a fence near Taunton. The Fence had prevented deer escaping into reserve land when pursued by hunt.

Hampshire-

Premises of Brays Private detective agency in Southampton was well and truly trashed, (they are presently being used against demonstrators at Twyford).

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McDonalds had its windows smashed.

Sussex-

A Mitsubishi car showrooms windows smashed in Brighton.

Two CAT 245's working on the B'ton By-pass became rather ill.

7 billboards corrected in Eastbourne.

Fencing enclosing a common near Hastings torched.

Oxford-

Tesco's windows smashed.

Milton Keynes-

Bank flyposted and sprayed with 'BloodBankKKK' in five foot letters. Doors glued.

Englishman's House'

Tarmac directors in 'Englishman's house is his castle' syndrome

It appears that Tarmac directors are rather freaked out by lists of their home addresses recently published. They made their fears known to anti-road activists at the Tarmac AGM, and hoped that law-abiding campaigners would have nothing to do with these 'Terrorists'.

These terra-ist's have forced Tarmac to spend large sums of cash on hiring private security to guard their besieged 'directors houses'.

All companies have to pro-



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'Companies House', with forms documenting directors home address, other directorships etc. These files are publicly available from companies house. Well hi ho for democracy.

Welcome back Twyford six.

7th of August(the day of the release of the Twyford 6) at the Tarmac Quarry in Collingham Lincolnshire, under the spray painted title "For the Prisoners of Twyford Down", the following was wrenched-

3 Bulldozers, 3 Tarmac Trucks, 2 Diesel Pumps, 1 Work shed & a control station.

-From A communique from



KEEP BRITAIN
TIDY

Dear Nora

Dear Nora,

Here is an unusual monkeywrenching idea for all you budding eco-terraists out there. It has the advantage of eliminating an insidious form of environmental degradation, as well as yielding positive long-term results - unlike a one-off act of 'creative mechanics'. It also has the beauty of getting a government agency to unwittingly carry out lots of work that is BENEFICIAL, for a change. It's the ultimate lazy person's reforestation project!

In Karnataka State in South India... attempts to take over common lands for commercial plantations of fast growing eucalyptus for paper pulp and rayon led to a 'PLUCK AND PLANT' movement, in which the eucalyptus seedlings were uprooted and replaced by indigenous species that provide products useful to the local peasants.

Coming to a Forestry Commission plantation near you soon...

All power to the imagination!

Treebeard the Ent.

Dear Nora,

I was Talking to an old union hack and veteran of many strikes about the Twyford disease , which causes many diggers to spontaneously combust. He pointed out that companies often have their own equipment trashed to claim the insurance. Times of strikes and protest can be very costly to these gits and honesty has never been something business has understood, money is all they understand.

So our friends suggested that disabling equipment, while not keeping you so warm, costs the company more in replacement parts and lost time. The point is not to get carried away in joyful Luddite frenzy but to hit the bastards where it hurts - in their wal-



lets !!

fight for the earth
grit in the oil system
Nibble the dibble.

Dear Nora,

I write to complain about violence on actions. I have seen people being aggressive, abusive and often physically violent towards, what are after all human beings. It really must be stopped. Personally I feel that it is appropriate to confront the instigators of this bestial behaviour and, if needs be to rescue the poor victims of their violence. The thugs are easily spotted since they all wear uniforms !

An arrest is an act of violence and we believe in non violence. Fellow Protesters lets get organised to deal with this violence, always mask up and remember -where the fists won't do, there's always knees.

Mrs. Trout, The Vicarage,
Moss Side

Dear Nora,

I heard some dirty anarchist talk about this in a pub to a mate, and thought I should inform you so you can easier catch the young scallywags. They said that insulators are the most vulnerable parts of power lines. They're the brown dangly bits on the pylons. if

you can't shoot em out, short em out!

You'll need a mechanical alarm clock, a fishing reel and a space balloon. Tie a short length of fishing line between the alarm key and the arm of the reel. Then fix a space balloon to the end of the line on the reel. Make sure you've only got enough line on the reel to pay out the insulator from ground level- work this out by triangulation. Thick, carbon based line is best for this job as it is most durable (Top tip-Why not nick fishing real from an angler).

To use, place the assembled device downwind of the targeted pylon, set the alarm and then leave to sort out an alibi. When the clock goes off, the alarm key should wind in the line attached to it, pulling the arm on the reel across and allowing the balloon to float up into the insulators. As it's tethered , it needn't hit the insulator first time-it can blob about in the wind for quite a while until you get lucky.

We haven't tested substituting copper wire for carbon line. Assuming it doesn't burn out, this will earth the cables as well!

-Some Fairies

Dear Nora,

A little something on revolving billboards, you know the 18 foot wide ones that have triangular segments with three sides which turn around about every 30 seconds. Get a brick or such object and as the sections begin to turn wedge it between the segments. Guess what happens. The billboards engine will make a horrible straining sound for a time before burning out. Every time we destroy or subvert advertising. We make the spectacle weaker.

Resist the Enclosure of Art!
-BUGA UP!

Welsh trial exposes MI5

At the end of a two month trial in Caernafon, Wales, two men were acquitted of charges of conspiracy to cause explosions while a third, Sion Roberts was jailed for 12 years for possessing explosives and sending letter bombs. The Gwynedd 3 conspiracy trial was the outcome of the latest unsuccessful attempt by the English state to catch members of the Welsh Meibion Glyndwr.

The trial was significant in that it brought to light some of the activities of MI5. For the first time MI5 agents gave evidence in open court about their operations, which included bugging, burgling, and following suspects. In one incidence it emerged that 38 MI5 agents were used to follow Sion on a small demonstration in Caernarfon.

Since 1979 Meibion Glyndwr have set alight to hundreds of second homes in Wales. There are as many as 20,000 second homes in Wales, and in some villages less than half of the houses are lived in for six months of the year. As a result of English people buying up homes for holidays, house prices are inflated making it difficult for local people to afford to live in the area of their birth. It is not surprising that a poll carried out by HTV (the regional television station) found that 85% of people in the Dwyfor district supported the arson campaign.

NEWS FROM THE ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT

-TV North, Granada TV, BBC Radio Greater Manchester, Piccadilly Radio and the Manchester Evening News to give each of them the story individually.... not one of them carried it.

The action had still been carried out, the products have still been removed from the shelves and both financial damage and inconvenience have been caused to the abusers. Putting a lid on the media reporting the incident can never change the fact that it has happened and that it has had an effect!

Animal liberation, as opposed to economic sabotage, saw 80 rabbits rescued from Hyline Rabbits near Lymm in Cheshire. Activists began the raid late on a Tuesday night and finally left the premises completely at about 5.00am on Wednesday morning. They had to cross a number of fields and also a small river.... rumour has it that an inflatable boat was used. Some rabbits were from the breeding unit and others were mothers with their young, all are now in good homes. Hyline breeds for the fur and vivisection industries and has been the target of the ALF a number of times over the years.

Also during May someone decided to take a friend for an early morning car ride through West Sussex and neighbouring Hampshire. It seems that the car also had a catapult as standard equipment. No less than 23 windows were damaged at tackle shops, Boots, betting shops, fishing tackle shops, MacDonalds, etc. One ARNI (Animal Rights National Index) document recently gave an estimated value of £1,000 for each window attacked with ball bear

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Prisoners of War

Annette Tibbles & Richard Duriez.

Annette and Richard were found guilty of conspiracy to commit arson. Both have been sentenced to four years (See Paranoia..noia...noia..boo!). Annette Tibbles, 112215, HMP Holloway, Parkhurst road, Holloway, London, N7 ONU. Richard Duriez, 7B1807, HMP Bullingdon, P.O Box 50, Arnscott-Bicester, Oxfordshire, OX6 0PR

Rik Scarce.

Rik was author of 'Eco-Warriors: understanding the radical eco-movement'. He refused to reveal his sources from EF! and ALF interviews. Rik Scarce, Spokane County Jail, 1100 West Mallon, Spokane, WA 99260, USA

Eric Pontaine

Eric Pontaine, a protester at The Valley of the Aspe in France was recently sent down for nine months for cutting a fence. In late August he was given a presidential pardon from Mitterand. Mitterand is the same man who last year ordered hundred of armed presidential guards against the protesters at the valley.

Wild Rockies EF!

Eight WREFlers are in jail after taking direct action to stop the construction of logging roads in the as yet roadless Cove & Mallard areas. here the US Department of Agriculture Forest service is planning to build 145 miles of new road and clearcut 81 million board feet of timber, right to the boundaries of the wilderness, an area of wolf and grizzly bear habitat.

Wild Rockies EF!, POBOX 26 Dixie ID 83525. Tel(208) 882 2581. (Ramon, room 252)

Other EF! and ALF prisoners

To our knowledge the situation of all the prisoners below,

which were mentioned in issue two, are unchanged. They are: Jonathan Paul(USEF!), Peg Millet(USEF!), Darren Thurston(Canadian ALF), Sam Remington(British ALF), Dave Nelson(N.Ireland ALF), Chris Tucker(Bristish ALF). Prisoners not mentioned this issue are either free or there situation has changed. You best contact there respective support groups.

Move Prisoners.

The winter issue of OH-TOHKIN, the magazine offor native peoples resistance, published an appeal for the support of Mumia abu-jamal who at their time of publication was on death row.

Mumia has been on death row in Pennsylvania since 1982, a former black panther, a journalist and a supporter of MOVE, Mumia had campaigned against the racist and violent 'Law and order' mayor of Philadelphia, Frank Rizzario; who had sponsored the military style raid on the Panther HQ in the 60's. After one of the phili police attacks on MOVE communes in '78, Rizzo publicly vowed revenge when Mumia used his position as a journalist to speak out against the attack.

In December '81 Mumia intervened when he saw his brother being attacked by the police, the cop ended up dead and Mumia badly injured. At the trial Mumia was not allowed to represent himself by the judge who was a retired member of the Fraternal Order of the Police.

In 1985 the police dropped a bomb on a MOVE house in Philadelphia killing 11 men women and children. Read 'They kill Vegetarians!'. This was the climax of a long campaign of violence, murder, intimidation and framed imrisonments, which had been going on since MOVE's inception. Those in the below list are those

MOVE prisoners who have fallen fowl of this campaign and are still serving sentences. These people are in prison for putting the earth first and abandoning civilisation in their own lives. These people are our tribal brothers.

Carlos Africa, AM 7400 and Delbert Orr Africa, AM 4985, Drawer K. Dallas, PA 18612, U.S.A.

Consuewella Dotson Africa, 6434

Debbie Sims Africa, 6307

Janet Holloway Africa, 6308

Janine Phillips Africa, 6309

Charles Sims Africa, AM 4975

Merle Austin Africa, 6306

Susan Leon Africa, 6325

P.O. Box 180, Muncy, PA 17756, U.S.A.

, P.O. Box 99901, Pittsburgh, PA 15233, U.S.A.

Edward Goodman Africa, AM 4974, P.O. Box 200, Camp Hill, PA 17001, U.S.A.

Michael Davis Africa, AM 4973, Drawer R, Huntingdon, PA 16652, U.S.A.

Williams Phillips Africa, AM 4984, Box A, Bellafonte, PA 16823, U.S.A.

Mumia Abu - Jamal , AM 8335, Drawer R, Huntingdon, PA 16652, U.S.A.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Equal Justice USA, P.O. Box 5206, Hyattsville, MD 20782, USA. Tel 301-699-0042, fax 301-864-2182. Concerned Citizens in support of MOVE, PO Box 19709, Philadelphia, PA 19143, U.S.A.

New Afrikan Network in Defense of PPs and POWs, PO Box 90604, Washington D.C. 20090, U.S.A.

EF! prisoner support & the ALF supporters group are on the contact list.

Writing to Prisoners

Prison isolates people from the outside world. Visiting is the most important thing you can do to help break down the isolation, so the prisoner does not feel forgotten. If you can't think of much to write just send a card wishing them well-it is the fact that you have bothered to write that matters. If you know a prisoner personally it is especially important to write as obviously contact from friends is valued. But this does not mean that if you are a stranger to the prisoner they won't appreciate your letter. Remember all letters to prisoners are opened and censored, so don't write anything that could jeopardise future actions or someone's freedom.

Don't always expect a reply to your letter as prisoners are restricted as how many letters they can write each week. Sometimes prisons restrict the number of letters a prisoner can receive- this is less likely to happen if letters are not long.

Generally it is best not to write more than four sides of writing paper or two sides of A4 paper per letter. Most prisons do not allow letters sent in with no sender's address on them. It is possible to use false one, but bear in mind that a prisoner may reply, so use an address you can get post from. Some prisons also refuse to allow POBOX numbers as addresses-check with the prison first.

Visiting Prisoners

Remand prisoners(that is prisoners who have not been tried), are normally entitled to a visit of at least 15 minutes every day except sunday, although some prisons differ from this. prisoners can normally have up to three visitors per day, but they all have to visit at the same time. If a prisoner does not have a visiting rota, try to let them a week or so in advance that you are coming so they can inform you if someone else is visiting that day.

Convicted prisoners are entitled to one visit every 2 weeks if they are under 21. Over 21 and

they are entitled to one visit per week, although many prisons allow one visit every two weeks. Prisoners have to send out a visiting order(V.O.), to the persons they want to visit them. Visits are normally a minimum of thirty minutes and often one of two hours.

Newspapers

Most prisons have a newsagents nearby which supplies newspapers to prisoners. The prison will tell you where the newsagents is. Newspapers and magazines for prisoners will have to be ordered and paid for at the shop. The prison will also tell you how many papers and magazines each prisoners is allowed. Alternative magazines have to be sent direct from a bookshop or the organisation producing them.

Books

Some prisons will accept books handed in or sent in by friends. most prisons demand that the books are new and sent direct from the bookshop. Obviously you will have to pay postage. However, it varies from prison to prison- always check with the prison first. Some community and alternative bookshops will agree to send books not bought in their shop, so if you have a book that will pass as new, then it is worth asking if they will send it. It is important that it is clear to the prison that the books have come direct, so ask the bookshop to enclose some headed notepaper or stamp the parcel with their address.

Writing Paper

Remand prisoners are normally allowed to use writing paper, envelopes and stamps sent in to them. The writing paper should not be wire bound. generally, convicted prisoners are not allowed to use any writing paper etc, other than supplied by the prison, but again it is best to check with the prison first. They are usually not able to use stamps or S.A.s sent in from the outside, but if they receive any they will be converted into cash and put in the prisoners bank account.

Money

Some prisons allow money to be handed in on visits. Otherwise, money can be sent in. It is not a good idea to send cash as this may go missing. postal orders and cheques are acceptable which should be made payable to the prisoner. They will have to sign the back of the cheque so they will know of any money received. The prisoner can then use the money to buy food, tobacco, toiletries, stamps etc., but it is worth noting that in many prisons £10 is the maximum.

Food

Since the 1st of march 1988, prisoners(both remand and convicted) are not allowed to have food sent in, or brought in from the outside. Food sent in is normally destroyed or eaten by prison officers.

Cassettes and radio

Prisoners are allowed a radio with medium and long wave bands only. Some prisons demand that an earplug be supplied as well. Cassette players are often allowed with earphones. The cassette player must have no recording facility. prisoners can have pre-recorded tapes but in many prisons they must be sent in direct from a shop. Both radios and cassette players must be battery powered. Duracell batteries are not allowed.

Remember

Whatever you are thinking of sending to a prisoner, find out first what the prisoner wants as often there is a limit on what can be received. Also, there is such a wide variation between what different prisons allow, always ring the prison and check what they will accept.

Support the prisoners

Supporting prisoners is essential, they are inside for defending US and Mother Earth. Even one letter can be a boost and there is so much more that can be done-publicity, visits, financial support, pickets, and of course, taking up the tools of resistance and continuing their struggle.

Lettuce To The Cabbage

Dear Cabbage,

When Earth First! came to this country the environment movement was dying, the established groups becoming increasingly establishment and the numbers of people fighting for this planet were dwindling. Nearly the only place you would see the word 'environment' was on an ICI aerosol. Earth First! set out to wake it up, and I think we can claim its done pretty well.

Over the last months I have seen Earth First!ers especially at Twyford Down, become increasingly prevalent in the media. I have seen the front pages of tabloids run sympathetic stories, stories pledging allegiance to anti road campaigning, the Labour and Liberal Democrats increasingly acting like dongaphiles and newspapers doting when once they called us 'eco-fascists', 'world extremists' and 'eco-terrorists'. I read in Friends of the Earth's magazine, EF!ers at Twyford being described as heroic individuals', when only a year and a half back we were, 'anti-environmental activists'.

I hear that Greenpeace are allowing their local groups to partake in and organise direct action, until recently they were 'fund-raising groups', not even allowed to run conventional campaigns. The Green Party is starting to organise direct action. Anti-road groups are springing up everywhere. The Council for the Protection of Rural England are advising their members about going

on site. Even Militant Labour-not known for ecological ethics-are telling there members to get involved.

The movement has woken up. And indeed I hear much about 'the movement', but what is most striking is its political diversity. Phrases like 'diversity is healthy' and 'Diversity is strength' are banded about. However, it has now got to a point where the message of EF!, 'EARTH FIRST!', could get lost in the diversity of the movement it has spurred back into existence. We must remember that EF! is not the environment movement, but a part of it. It is not even the 'direct action environment movement'. EF! is not just meant to be about reactivating the environment movement. It is about evolution, tribalism, No compromise in defence of Mother Earth, the

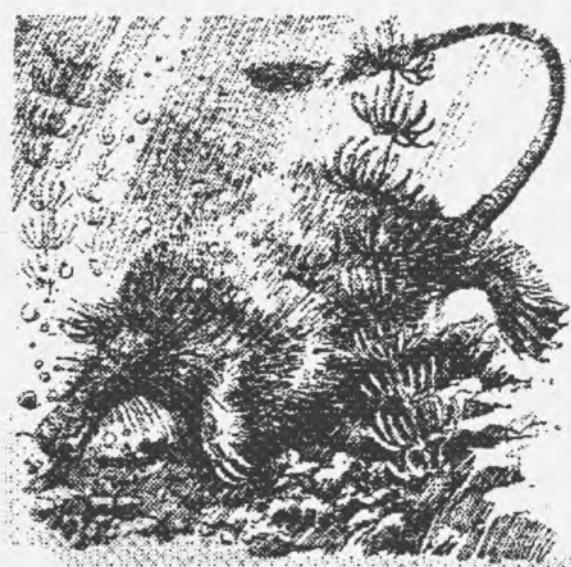
future primitive, and many things which are unspeakable. British EF!ers must define themselves better or get lost in environmental reformisms. I say we should take the philosophical line espoused by EF! in every other of the 26 countries EF! operates in.

Taken seriously... evolution means that there is no basis for seeing humans as more advanced or developed than any other species. *Homo Sapiens* is not the goal of evolution, for as near as we can tell evolution has no telos-it simply unfolds, life-form after life form... The ethical significance of this cosmology is that since evolution gives life in all its complexity, the evolutionary process itself is of highest value. The central moral priority of Earth First! is to protect and restore wilderness because undisturbed wilderness provides

the necessary genetic stock for the continuance of evolution." (from 'The Religion and Politics of Earth First!', The Ecologist, vol 21, no.6, Nov/Dec 1991).

Down with the Empire, Up with the Spring

-A Liverpudlian puddle dweller.



A long sensitive snout aids the Pyrenean desman underwater

To whom it may concern,

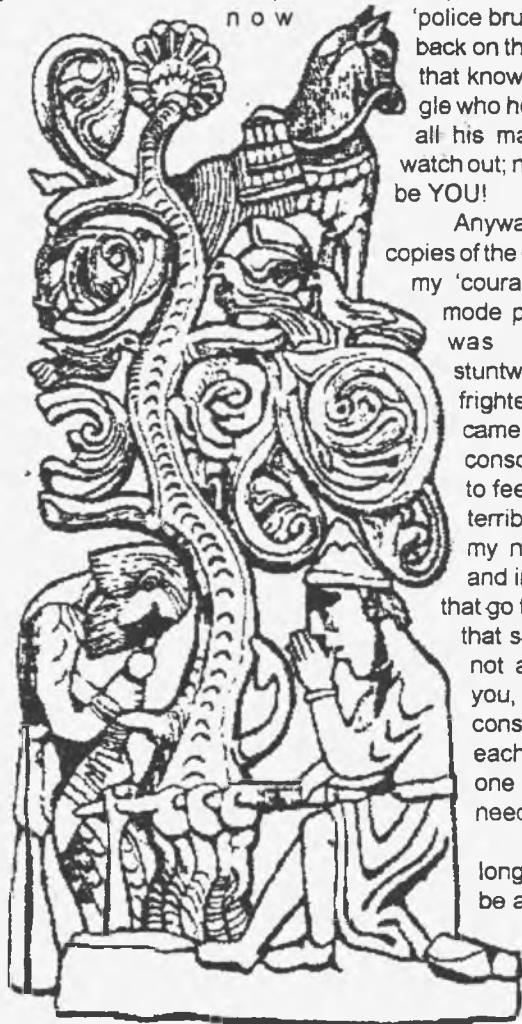
This letter is to remind all you Earth First!ers, and so called 'Earth Warriors' what exactly your aims should be.'

On December the 10th, 1992, the Twyford Down Dongas, (the place - remember it? - NOT the people) were trashed by Tarmac workers defended by Group

4 and the police. While sitting in the path of a lorry going on to the site, I was dragged off by the neck by a Police Officer until I lost consciousness. I was then thrown up a bank, (while unconscious) and did not get any medical attention for 45 minutes. I am only writing this to remind you what happened that day - most of you who actually saw it seem to have forgotten. Mind you it did make a nice picture for your magazine if nothing else, right? What was the quote now? Ah yes - a courageous earth sister+ wasn't it? Lots of people still comment on that picture and article when they see me and all of them ask how my case against the police is going. Well I can answer that now - it isn't anymore.

Although the event and my condition after it was witnessed by 40 or so protesters, I was only given 3 statements. The police

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have 15 of their own (all denying an assault)! As a result the police complaints commission have decided that there is no +justification+ for a prosecution, and I have lost my solicitors for my civil case because of the time wasted in trying to get witnessed statements. The chances of my getting Legal Aid again for another solicitor is slim to say the least. Well, thanks for your support everyone. Or rather I expect the Hampshire Constabulary will thank you themselves.

For Fuck's sake, when will you realise that protesting about 'Earth Rape' and 'police brutality' is not good enough by itself. Even for those of you who only look out for yourselves, (like those individual who didn't want to give a statement because your names would become known to the police), remember there is now a 'police brute' back on duty and back on the Twyford Down site that knows he can now strangle who he likes. What's more all his mates know it too so watch out; next time kids, it could be YOU!

Anyway if you have any copies of the photographs of me in my 'courageous Earth Sister' mode please burn them. I was not a publicity stuntwoman, I was a very frightened individual who came round from being unconscious not being able to feel my legs and with a terrible pain going down my neck and back. Try and imagine the thoughts that go through your head at that sort of moment. I am not any 'Earth Sister' to you, as any family I would consider worthwhile helps each other and defends one another when they need it.

And I am no longer going to let myself be aligned in any way to Earth First! until you all realise that that sentiment should include putting the

people who try and defend the earth, first too!

-Row, Reading 12 June 1993

Dear Cabbage face,

Going on an action takes an enormous amount of effort, both physical and mental, on the part of the activist. It also takes the organisers many days of research, telephone calls, running around and general stress. We are often left emotionally and physically drained afterwards.

With all this in mind we would want to ensure that this effort was not in vain. Unfortunately, looking back on previous actions it seems that this is not always the case. Carmaggeddon actions are a good example: there is no doubt that in many towns direct action against the monsters in our midst has helped to bring about change. In conjunction with cyclists we have successfully campaigned for cycle lanes and traffic calming measures. But the cycle lanes are mostly on the pavements and the traffic calming is only introduced when Tesco's et al have finished their ring of out of town developments.

I look back on some of our 'victories' and see that we have lost sight of the original goal - in this example to get rid of cars - and allowed the compromisers to use our energies for their own campaigns. By putting cycle lanes on pavements we make more room for cars, less room for people and lose the cyclists who supposedly helped us in the campaign. By campaigning for pedestrian zones and park and ride schemes without stopping out of town developments (so the lazy bastards have nowhere else to go), we merely move the shit somewhere else and turn our town (community) centres into a desert of useless trinket shops and facetious wine bars.

Left without industrialist interference, the Earth will always express its life as what we call wilderness. Always . Earth First! therefore means directing our ef-

forts to help protect existing areas and to try to allow Earth to re-establish its own plan in other areas. Anything else is people first, and however laudable the aims of the campaign may be, the EF! part of it should always make its aims absolutely clear to the other groups involved. Those who do not share this view should not call themselves Earth First!

Our job is to protect what is left of the wilderness, not to provide alternative jobs (imagine if a serial killer was to say to the police:OK you show me an alternative where I can fulfill my needs and I'll stop+), not to give in to pressure from any quarter, and certainly not to waste the efforts of the many people who go on these actions by negotiating away the very reason for going there.

We are now in a situation more serious than in the entire story of life (as far as we know). In a matter of life and death there is no room for the luxury of negotiation and compromise, you simply choose one or the other. If the destruction is not stopped (ie. completely stopped, not just slowed down), very soon there will be nothing left to defend.

In the misguided quest for popular support we risk losing sight

of what we are about. An uncompromising stance may not attract mass support, but if the price of that support is the loss of what we are defending, then it is worthless.

- Noddy.

Dear Do or Die,

Speaking from the position of a woman who has been pregnant, I'm getting a bit confused about the attitude of some of EF!. Some people seem to be of the opinion that the world is over-populated and therefore go with the attitude of 'respect your mother don't become one' while at the same time dancing round naked and bonking anything in sight. Speaking from experience 80% of those people do not carry any form of contraceptive. Is it only me that thinks they are behaving like assholes?

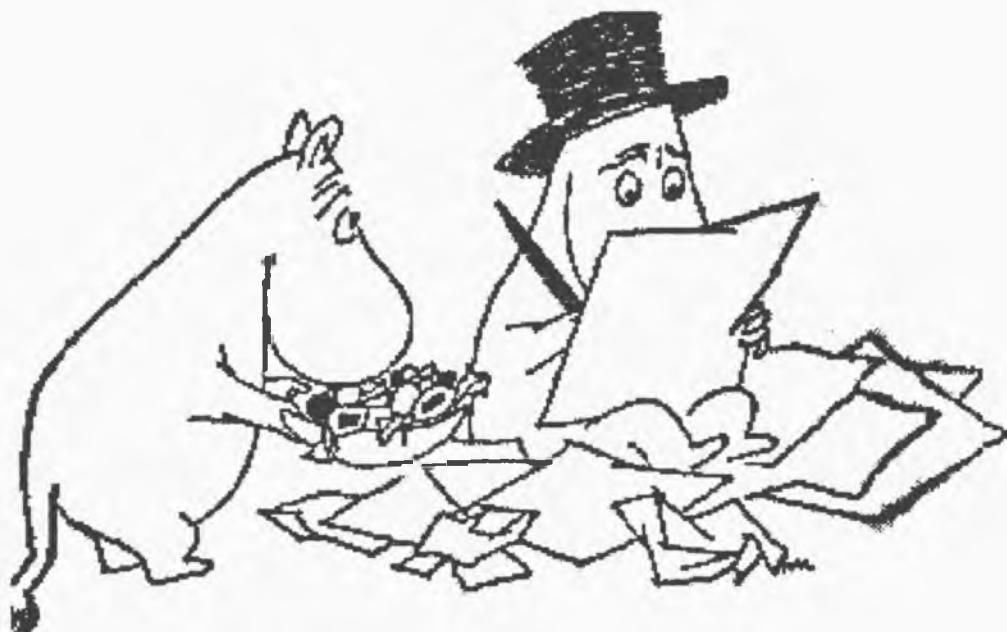
At one gathering I overheard an older woman telling a very much younger one that the only form of birth control that was needed when you lived outside was to follow the natural cycles of the moon. I fully believe that this is possible WHEN you live outside in a stable community all year round but not when a woman lives

in a town most of the time and comes down to actions/gatherings for only a few days at a time. Getting to know yourself and your cycles is something to be praised but it takes time and even then is not foolproof. (I am living proof of that). To give out half-truths like this sounds a lot like the Pope's orders. What upsets me is it is the younger / more impressionable women who will get hurt by this. In indigenous tribes in other countries pregnant women and mothers of children are the responsibility of the whole tribe . When the enviable happens are we ready to be included in that responsibility ourselves? It would seem not.

Just one more thing . Such an environment (where people have to sleep in the same clothes that they wear in the day , for several days at a time because of the cold) and where 'free love' seems to be the order of the day, is also a breeding ground for STD's. Please be careful, we needed more people in the movement not less. Don't sacrifice yourself for a short lasted thrill. The best lover you will ever have is yourself.

-Anon.

Dear old dreary,



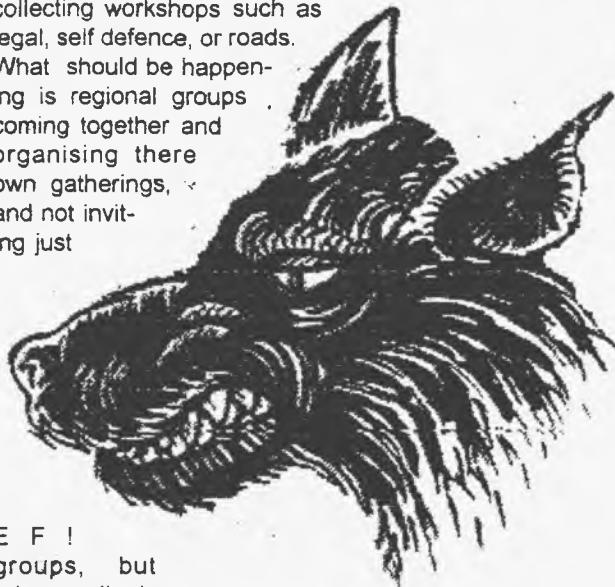
Earth First? gathering. What a load of old blarney!

The recent EF! gathering (11th September) in Shropshire, was in my estimation and many other EF!ers I talked to, purely a gassing session, which produced very little but endless discussions on how to have decision making discussions and total confusion on where and what we do next as a movement. The whole attitude of some meetings seemed to be aimed at coming up with some general policy that would steer the movement into the mid-nineties. What is most annoying about this position, is that it totally goes against the whole principle of decentralisation and local group independence.

No body should have the right to dictate on what a particular group does and does not do. In this way we avoid the hierarchical structure that has broken the militancy of other eco/revolutionary groups. Also, when it comes to organising roadshows etc, then again this should be done on purely a regional basis, so that those involved are already in touch with the groups that they intend to link with, and of course know the issues that affect their region. Who wants a load of outside greenies, to invade the community, no doubt totally unaware of what is going on in that locality, and if anything upset all the work that the local group has done. A lot of us remember the 1st roadshow, when a bunch of unorganised middle-class Hippies and politically ignorant US EF!ers trailedd the place, talking about nothing but tropical rainforest etc. There was hardly any mention of urgent local environmental issues, and if they did get a mention then they came second best.

What we need is regional autonomy and regional networks. Lets forget this national structure crap and the potential eco-crat strings attached. We can all come together for a national gathering, but only to share and exchange news, views etc., as well as possibly taking advantage of info

collecting workshops such as legal, self defence, or roads. What should be happening is regional groups coming together and organising their own gatherings, and not inviting just



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groups, but
other radical groups
from within the community.

But enough of the criticism. Hats must go off to Nottingham EF!, who put a lot of work into organising the event and workshops (which did prove fruitful). It was good to see old comrades again, as well as getting the chance to howl, drink and party. It is just a shame that all that hard work had to be spoiled by a few ego trippers and eco-crats. Never mind, hopefully next time the buggers can go off to some hill somewhere and play with their policies to their hearts content.

-A silly old fart from Oxford.

Monkeywrenches are a diverse bunch. Some are strictly pacifist, some would defend themselves, some disagree with arson while some think its the best thing since the hand axe, some think explosives are a viable tactic and some don't. No wrencher can speak for another.

Abbreviations such as the ALF, IRA, UDR, UDF, RAF, PLO and even ELF simply instill fear. They put a negative image across. Lets leave our actions to be the message. By turning monkeywrenching into the act of some shady sounding underground organisation, rather than the emotional reaction of people against the machine, we alienate a lot of potential activists and give the capitalist propagandists a handy label which they can use as they desire. Lets abandon macho ideas of organisations, they belong to civilisation not us. Lets just do what's needed to defend our mother.

-A Wrencher.

Dear Do or Die,

I am writing to voice my concern at the increasing amount of actions claimed by the Earth Liberation Front, I remember when it all started it was all a joke, the Earth Liberation Faeroes. People had decided at the 92 EF! gathering that acts of monkeywrenching were the act of the individual.... EF! neither condemns nor condones it. This was decided not because EF! disagreed with monkeywrenching, not because 'EF!ers didn't have the guts', but because it was felt that no 'organisation' should take responsibility for monkeywrenching, it should be the act of the individual.

Resources

'... One days exposure to mountains is better than a cartloads of books'.
John Muir(1838-1914)

'Ancient Futures - Learning from Ladakh'
by Helena Norberg - Hodge, pub. Rider Books 1992.

This one is for those unfortunate individuals who still, against all the evidence, retain some faith in Western - style development and mass society. The author was present in Ladakh (in the Indian Himalayas) both before and after the onset of tourism and so called development, which was designed to break the traditional subsistence culture and force integration into the wider Indian, and global, money economy. Norberg-Hodge had the perfect opportunity, in 'one of the last subsistence economies to survive virtually intact to the present day', to witness what development does to an indigenous culture and its environment. A similar process to that described in Ancient Futures is currently underway in Sarawak, New Guinea, the Central African rainforest, Amazonia and elsewhere, with or without native consent - the imposition, as the author terms it, of a monoculture, and the eradication of diversity. From her experiences, Norberg - Hodge completely changed her view on that hoary subject, 'human nature', realizing that the alienation from the land, one another and from ourselves that seems to be the hallmark of modern society has little to do with innate human tendencies, and everything to do with the social structure we inhabit. Ancient Futures contains some classic, instructive quotes - here

are a couple:-

.....We don't have any poverty here.' - Tsewang Paljor, 1975.

(Followed by ...)

.....If you could only help us Ladakhis, we're so poor.' - Tsewang Paljor, 1983.

" If Ladakh is ever going to be developed we have to figure out how to make these people more greedy. You just can't motivate them otherwise." - Development Commissioner for Ladakh, 1981.

And finally, a real gem: - As (environmentalists) were spelling out the full horror of ecological breakdown in western Europe, a representative from one of France's leading industrial firms threw up his hands and exclaimed.

.....Yes, yes, OK ! But just leave us the Third World !

It's required reading - if only to reinforce your prejudices!

'Alarm (voice of Northeast US EF!)'

A quarterly mag. It has good articles, especially on Biotechnology and indigenous peoples rights. These folks are far from confused, and the mag certainly has its goals and objectives worked out. A good read for all.

Contact: Alarm, PO Box 804, Burlington, VT. 05402, USA.

'GREEN RAGE : Radical Environmentalism and the Unmaking of Civilisation'

by Christopher Manes
I think this is one of the most

important book in this set of reviews and one of the most important in the English language. Long time EFer Christopher Manes has written a book filled with wildness. He shows the history and origins of EF! and brings together hard facts about the 'Biological Meltdown' and the evils of 'civilisation'. He analyses the effectiveness of monkeywrenching, explains the inherent sanity in Life centred philosophy and rebuts criticism from right-wingers and socialists alike. It is extremely well referenced and contains an extensive bibliography. Get this book and lend it to as many people as possible.

Little Brown, 1990, £8.95.

'THE EARTH FIRST! READER :

'Ten years of radical environmentalism'
Edited by John Davis, foreword by Dave Foreman.

John Davis, editor of the EF! Journal until its 1990 demise, has compiled a representative selection of 40 of the best essays and articles from the legendary, much praised and much damned newspaper. Contributors to this anthology include Paul Watson, Howie Wolke, Dolores LaChapelle and Ed. Abbey. An essential book for the rucksack of every eco-maniac. Peregrine Smith, 1991.£13.45

'CONFESIONS OF AN ECO-WARRIOR'

By Dave Foreman, age 13 and three-quarters

"After a decade of having a variety of journalists with varying (and declining) degrees of accuracy report my positions on a wide range of issues, I decided to give my ideas to folks straight from the horse's mouth... The chapters in 'Confessions' include entirely new material as well as reworked essays since 1981. The warp and woof throughout ... are the biocentric idea of wilderness for its own sake... Topics covered include the founding, evolution and break-up of Earth First!; detailed analyses of and justification for monkeywrenching, grazing and other issues. My sister likes this book, maybe you will too. I even sign each one." - Dave Foreman.

'.....Dave Foreman is one who truly understands that the Earth must come first.' - James Lovelock.

If you spend your life screaming Earth First!, buy this book. To those in the movement who say Foreman is racist, sexist and macho, I say definitely buy this book. Let yourself be amazed, Foreman is an honour to the wilderness that created him. Harmony/Crown Books, 1991, £9.00

'Do or Die No. 3'

Absolute, unremitting SHIT!
Destroy on sight.

'A GREEN HISTORY OF THE WORLD :

The Environment and the Collapse of Great Civilisations'

- by Clive Ponting

Historian (and former renegade civil servant) Ponting shows how degradation of ecosystems throughout the ages has led to the collapse of civilisations, from Mesopotamia, Rome and the Mayans. Beginning with gatherer-hunters, he explores the effects of agriculture, population growth, pollution, and industrialisation on natural ecosystems.

'THE POPULATION EXPLOSION'

by Paul and Anne Ehrlich

The Ehrlichs argue convincingly that overpopulation - especially in overdeveloped nations (eg. Britain) - substantially contributes to the problem of African famine, global warming, acid rain, air and water pollution and the garbage crisis. Let the cornucopians whimper and snivel; this is must reading for those who want to deal with one of the primary cause of eco-catastrophe and social injustice : human overpopulation. Also includes a -what you can do section!, £9.90

'HEALTH AND THE RISE OF CIVILISATION'

by Mark Nathan Cohen

Prof. Cohen, one of the leading anthropologists of our era, explodes the civilised myth that



life for the gatherer-hunters was nasty, brutish and short. Cohen shows that health and quality of life declined with the development of agriculture and the later development of industrialism. If you're a 'Back to the Pleistocene' advocate (like us of course, sitting here in an office with an Apple Mac) then your sentiments are backed up in authoritative (but readable) fashion by this book. Not only were other species better off before agriculture, so were people. Cohen persuasively argues that 'higher levels' of civilisation came because no other choice remained after human population degraded an area's ecosystem and overshot carrying capacity. Good bibliography. Yale University Press. £10.00

'WHERE THE BUFFALO

ROAM

- The Storm over the Revolutionary Plan to Restore America's Great Plains'

by Anne Matthews, pub. Grove Weidenfeld 1992.

AND

'A RURAL MANIFESTO FOR THE HIGHLANDS

Creating the Second Great Wood of Caledon'

by the Land-Use Working Group, Highland Green Party, 1989. (Available from Reforesting Scotland.)

These two are featured together because although dealing with areas thousands of miles apart, and very 'region-specific', they deal with a common theme: that is, the revitalisation of areas degraded through human exploitation. As such they serve as inspiring blueprints for the REAL work to be done in the 21st Century, once the corporate dictatorship has been overthrown : Earth repair work. They are also an excellent antidote to the gloom that pervades many - workable plans are already in place, and they merely require a conducive environment in which to flourish - i.e. NOT the present one. 'WHERE THE BUFFALO ROAM' involves a subject close, I suspect, to the hearts of many EF!ers: the plan evolved by two academics to allow 139,000 square miles of Middle America to revert back to its natural prairie grassland state, and to oversee the return of the buffalo herds to their original stamping grounds. It's a hugely ambitious concept, but, as they used to say in 68, 'Be realistic - demand the impossible!'. The book also covers the response - both pro and very con - that greeted the couple's plans when they were unveiled in 1990. It sparked off a furious debate over land use that is still raging today, putting the 'welfare ranchers' firmly on the defensive. 'The RURAL MANIFESTO FOR THE HIGHLANDS' deals with a subject even closer to the heart of (British) EF!ers - the restoration of the once 'Great

Wood of Caledon'. It has a much more practical thrust to it than 'WHERE THE BUFFALO ROAM', and less of an unfettered wilderness emphasis .In the Highland Green Party's scheme of things, the Caledonian forest, if restored, would be a WORKING wood - but don't hold that against them. The Manifesto is a paragon of bioregional thinking, showing how the Highlands could go from being one of the 'poorest' areas in the UK to one of its most prosperous and self-sufficient, simply through massive reafforestation. Such a move is a welcome alternative to the present situation, where local people clamour for crap like the Skye Bridge and the Harris 'superquarry' monstrosity, because there is no other work to be had. (And also, as we know, reafforestation has a hidden agenda: the downfall of civilisation by the back door!) These two publications are Earth First! on the offensive, no longer just trying to prevent an already bad situation from getting worse - something to aspire towards, rather than fight against.

'THE PENGUIN'

- Hornsey and Wood Green Solidarity Group Bulletin (Issue 3)

A good little zine that gives an example of what's springing up from other such communities. This gives a rundown on sabotaging Workfare, School testing, squatters and poll tax summonses. Contact : Hornsey and Wood Green Solidarity Group, PO Box 2401, London N 7 9LR.

'The Faradawn Trilogy'
by Richard Ford, pub.
Grafton Books.

Now this is the book for all those who need stirring up, and want to go out and liberate the land. The story basically revolves around the struggle between good and evil, with man coming out very much on the bad side. A cross between Watership Down and Lord of The Rings, it brings out the issues of hunting, veganism,

roads, pollution and deforestation. A great read, especially the bits about the Elves and animals plotting to overthrow the savage human race (though there are a few good humans in it), and to build a harmonious new society.

'ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS BULLITIN'

Available from 121 Railton Rd, London, SE24 0LR 071-274-6655

Publicises and supports class struggle and anarchist prisoners. Their mag provides the best up to date info on the injustices of the justice system. In the past it has included stuff on the american private prison system that is especially interesting in the light of the increasing number of private prisons in Britain.

'OPEN EYE- no. 2'

£1.50 from AK Distribution, or Open Eye, PO Box 3069, London SW9 8LU

A welcome return for this magazine, first published in 1991. Carries a wide range of informative and 'eye-opening' articles - Noam Chomsky and Philip Agee (ex - CIA) demolishing the smokescreen of the New World Order, a disturbing account of MoD microwave radiation experimentation, an exploration of Eco-Feminism, drug company moves to subvert AIDS research and maximise profits ... and much more. Well worth getting.

'FINNS' (Free Information Networks)

- Contact: GuilFIN, PO Box 217, Guildford, Surrey GU2 6FF for list of other FINS, and the indispensable gig/festie/events listing.

'GREENLEAF'

Quarterly newsletter of Robins Greenwood Gang - from : George Firsoff, 96 Church Rd, Redfield, Bristol 5. (60p).

Good pagan magazine - contact list, Stonehenge and spiritual news and views, environmental and tribal information, listings,

tree planting/knowledge, etc.

'MONOLITH NEWS'

50p (£1 for Summer issue), from : John Harrison, Monolith Publications, PO Box 4, Syston, Leicestershire LE7 4RD.

Interesting zine from John Harrison, author of 'Travellers of the New Age'. Contains his and his readers' views on subjects such as Stonehenge, travellers and the ominous backlash against them, Twyford, common land rights, environment and so on. Also, news and contact list. Best quote of no.12 : "Rediscover your instinct and intuition. Go travelling, hitching is free and legal. Become a nomad, a hobo. Go on, go for it."

'GREEN BRIGADES'

Enquiries to : -Zielone Brygady+, Widzial Chemii, Jagellonian University (UJ), Ingardena 3-100, 30-060 Krakow, Poland.

Covers the VITAL, and usually overlooked, subject of how the environment is faring in Eastern Europe, after decades of state capitalist abuse and now as our old friend free market capitalism rears its ugly head. Perhaps a new Third World is in the making here? Green Brigades details the growing resistance to this worrying trend. In English.

'THE TREE PLANTER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY'

Excellent biannual journal of Reforesting Scotland, with practical advice on growing and planting trees, and well written articles on Scottish forestry and reafforestation worldwide. Lively and radical, and well worth £2.50 per issue. Supporter's sub. - £10, Low income sub. - £5. From: Reforesting Scotland, Duartbeg, Scourie, Sutherland IV27 4TJ. All you monkeywrenchers out there, check out 'The Manifesto of the Phantom Tree Planters!'

'FIFTH ESTATE'

The leading 'primitivist', anti-technology publication - in-

credibly, they've managed to keep their radical spirit alive for 25 years (!), while others have long since fallen by the wayside. Consequently they have a wealth of experience to bring to bear in their analyses of world events and radical responses to them. Sometimes impenetrably jargon-ridden and theoretical, but always stimulating and inspiring. Highly recommended. - subs 8 dollars, single issues 2 dollars, from : 4632 Second Ave, Detroit, Michigan 48201 USA. (or from all GOOD bookshops.)

'THE LANCASTER ANARCHIST BOMBER'

Very amusing 'mad dog' anarchist zine - from: GA, 151b London Rd, Camberley, Surrey GU15 3JY.

'AM I TOTALLY NORMAL TOO?'

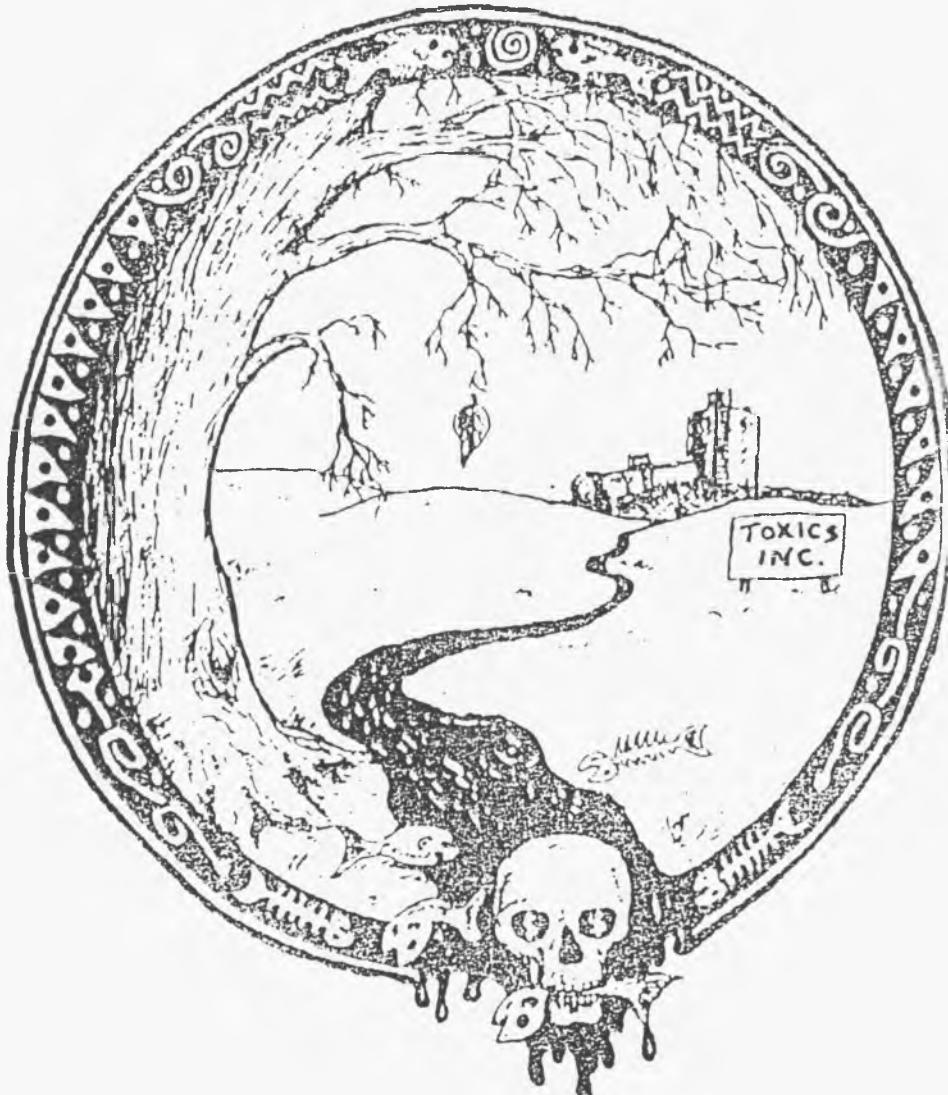
Brilliant, situationist-influenced depiction of modern society, psychology, life, the universe and everything, from an individual's perspective. If you've ever felt a 'weirdo' for experiencing depression and disenchantment with our 'great society', while all around you seem oblivious, this is the magazine for you. It emphasises the need to break through the barriers of isolation - that you are not alone, and that the 'revolution' begins with the person - liberation is within our grasp at all times. Witty, smart, insightful and well illustrated too. £1.50 from : -Totally normal, c/o BM CRL, London WC1N 3XX.

'COUNTER - INFORMATION'

Good, free international political news bulletin, available from : Counter Info, Pigeonhole CI, c/o 11 Forth Street, Edinburgh EH1, Scotland - send a donation.

If you find any difficulty getting hold of any of the books in this section you can always try 'Compendium Bookshop', in Camden Market, London. They should be

able to help you. All publications are welcome for submission to the Resources section of 'Do or lunch out' (obviously within reason.) Cross - fertilisation, networking and solidarity are essential for the continuation and growth of an EFFECTIVE movement. The moment when we climb out of our respective ghettos, forget our sectarian prejudices and link up is when we force the state into retreat - as Oxleas Wood clearly demonstrates. Let's keep the momentum going, and turn the heat up on the REAL 'eco - terrorists' !



ALF press office

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ings fired from catapults as a general rule-of-thumb. Even if you halve that its still not a cheap nights work!

Meanwhile, every night, up and down the country, windows are being damaged, locks glued, premises painted, cars paint stripped and windows etched. Abused animals are also being rescued from lives of misery in back gardens, breeding units, farms and wherever.

All just causes have had lawful lobbying and education as part of the reasons for eventual success but, whether it be the abolition of slavery or the emancipation of women (neither of which have been completely achieved yet), without the hard cutting edge of direct action victory would not have been grasped.

ALFers, Earth Firsters and all similar activists are in the front line fighting for individuals and an environment that can't offer any defence against human aggression and greed.

I can't tell you what to do, that's incitement. Your heart should be your guide. Take care and good luck.

Robin Webb (ALF Press Office)

"The first man, who , having enclosed a piece of land, bethought himself of saying 'This is mine' and found people simple enough to believe him, was the real founder of civic society.

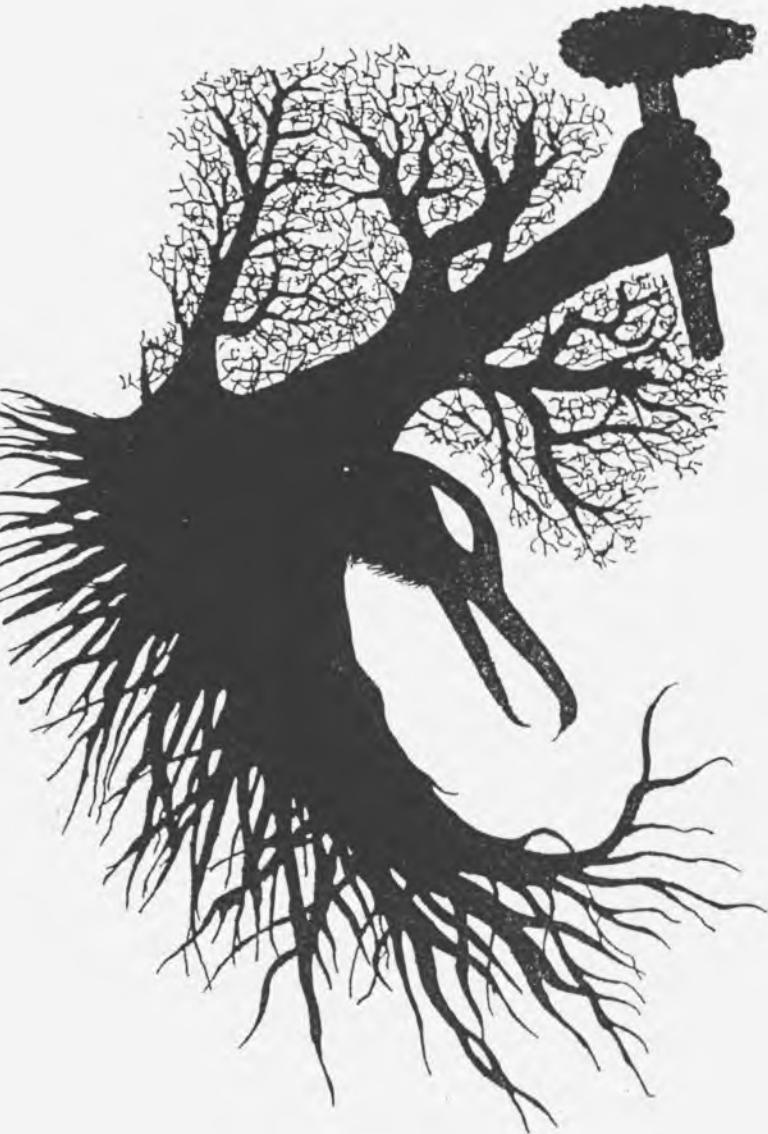
From how many crimes, wars, and murders, from how many horrors and misfortunes might not any one have saved mankind, by pulling up the stakes or filling in the ditch, and crying to his fellows' Beware of listening to this imposter! You are undone if you once forget that the fruits of the earth belong to us all, and the earth itself to nobody'."

Jean-Jacques Rousseau

SICK BASTARDS!

The truth behind the propaganda: Landless peasants invading the rainforests in search of cultivable land for them and their families are the number one cause of tropical deforestation. Yet this would seem to be a serious case of blaming the victims. Unequal distribution of land is the real culprit - in Brazil, 1% of the population own 50% of the land, for instance. Brazil's elite, like that of many other countries, is notorious for using the rainforests as a safety valve to stave off pressure for land reform in the rest of the country. To emphasize the senselessness of this situation, George Monbiot reports the following incredible fact : - Outside the Amazon but within Brazil, an area of farmland the size of India lies uncultivated, as its owners treat it simply as a financial investment. In the same country, 20 million rural peasants are landless.'

Guardian Earth Summit supplement, June 1992.



"A full grown willow can transpire up to five thousand gallons in a single summer day. How much then a forest?"

John Stewart Collins, from "The Triumph of the Tree", 1950.

History is an Angel being blown backwards into the future.../History is a pile of debris / And the Angel wants to go back and fix things / To repair the things that have been broken / But there is a storm blowing from paradise / And the storm, this storm is called Progress

Laurie Anderson - Strange Angels

" We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love & respect."

Aldo Leopold 1886-1945

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